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Public and private schools will miss one big holiday experience this year after the Marianas Visitors Authority decided to suspend the annual "Christmas

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CUC says its engineers found way to get back on track, save \$1M

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. failed to meet the Nov. 15, 2010, deadline to clean up the used oil tank at CUC's power plant in Lower Base.

CUC, however, stated that through the ingenuity of its own engineers, a new process has been implemented that is expected to put the utility agency on track for completion and save the agency at least \$1 million.

Tank 104 was supposed to be cleaned and all its oil removed and disposed of by Nov. 15, 2010, based on the second stipulation entered by CUC and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC's lawyer, Deborah E. Fisher, noti-

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NKorea fires artillery at SKorea island, 1 dead

By KWANG-TAE KIM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korea fired barrages of artillery onto a South Korean island near their disputed western border Tuesday, setting buildings ablaze and killing at least one marine after warning the South to

halt military drills in the area, South Korean officials said.

The skirmish came amid high tension over North Korea's claim that it has a new uranium enrichment facility and just six weeks after North Korean leader Kim Jong Il unveiled his youngest son Kim Jong Un as his heir apparent.

The North's artillery struck the small South Korean-held island of Yeonpyeong, which houses military installations and a small civilian population and which has been the focus of two previous deadly battles between the Koreans.

One South Korean marine was killed, three were seriously wounded and 10 slightly wounded, a Joint Chiefs of Staff official

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THANKSGIVING TREAT

Members of the Rotary Club of Saipan give generous servings to the man'amko during their Thanksgiving lunch treat for the island's elderly yesterday at the Aging Center. **See story on Page 3.**

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NMI October visitor arrivals up 26 percent—MVA Still 13 percent below arrival levels seen in 2008

October 2010 visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands were up 26 percent compared to October 2009, a significant gain on a low base month of arrivals last year, but still 13 percent below visitor arrival levels seen two years ago in October 2008.

According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian and Rota registered 25,784 visitors last month compared to 20,467 in October 2009.

Arrivals from Japan rose 31 percent to 11,279 visitors, largely due to the addition of

a third daily flight from Narita compared to October 2009, but still 31 percent lower than October 2008. This reflects the negative impact of the suspension of direct flights from Osaka and Nagoya.

"The percentage gain in October is most welcomed, but it's important to remember that this increase is compared to October 2009, which was an extraordinarily low arrivals month for the NMI," said MVA Managing Director Perry Tenorio. "We still must bring Nagoya and Osaka flights back into operation year-

round, to secure a much-needed boost to our tourism economy."

In October 2008 when flights from Nagoya and Osaka were operating year-round, the NMI had 16,193 total arrivals from Japan.

October to mid-December is considered a "death valley" period for travel, and flights from Nagoya and Osaka have been temporarily suspended due to season demand. The MVA noted that this flight suspension trend began last year, and the suspended flights are not expected to resume until the holi-

day season. Meanwhile, Delta Airlines has announced plans to reroute four flights a week from Saipan to Palau beginning next month.

As a result of these flight changes from the NMI's primary tourism market, the MVA has been petitioning to secure additional funding needed to ensure that the Nagoya and Osaka daily flights are able to operate on a year-round basis.

Over 700 schoolchildren get flu vaccines

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Over 700 schoolchildren in Head

Arrivals from the primary market of Korea posted another month of significant gain at 8,681, jumping 80 percent in October 2010 over October last year and bringing Korea arrivals back to the levels last seen in October 2008. Korean arrivals have been consistently higher since December 2009, reflecting Korea's recovery from the global economic crisis and the continued growth of this key market for the Northern Marianas.

The secondary market of China saw 3,207 arrivals in Octo-

ber, a 17-percent decrease over the same month last year. The number of air seats from China also decreased in October. Charter flights from Shanghai operated in both October 2009 and October 2010. However charter flights from Guangzhou in October 2009 were suspended during October 2010. October 2009 also saw two charter flights from Beijing.

Arrivals from most other markets were down, including a 3-percent decrease from Russia to 367 visitors. (MVA)

Start centers and one public elementary school received flu vaccine shots in the first week of the Department of Public Health's campaign against the flu virus.

Roxanne Diaz, special assistant to the secretary of Public Health, disclosed yesterday that a total of 467 individuals in seven Head Start sites on Saipan and 251 students in Koblerville Elementary School were given the doses.

The number is expected to grow as the department continues its vaccination drives in other areas this week.

On Saturday, health representatives will conduct vaccine screenings in two locations—the Sabalu market in Susupe and Kagman Elementary School—from 7am to 1pm.

Visits to other elementary schools on Saipan will begin on Monday. The campaign will be extended to the Garapan Street Market on Thursday next week.

Because Rota and Tinian have their own campaign schedules and activities, records have yet to be finalized, Diaz said.

DPH received over 18,000

does of the new seasonal flu vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As of yesterday, Diaz estimated that about 16,000 are still with the department and will all be administered to the public free of charge.

She encouraged community members and parents of schoolchildren to take advantage of the flu vaccines to protect them from the flu virus.

DPH earlier projected a spike in the number of flu cases this year due an early start to the flu season.

Diaz encouraged community members to observe Flu Watch steps as protection from the disease. These include washing of hands, avoiding sick people, teaching others how to prevent the flu, covering coughs and sneezes, and having an emergency plan ready in case a family member gets sick.

Public Health assures the safety of the flu vaccines and stressed that getting vaccinated is the single best way to protect against the flu and an important step in minimizing the risk and severity of flu infection.



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Inos: Ogumoro's termination was for DPS' best interest

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Acting governor Eloy S. Inos yesterday defended his concurrence with Department of Public Safety Commissioner Santiago Tudela's termination of his former deputy, saying the non-renewal of Ambrosio Ogumoro's contract was for the best interest of everyone concerned.

"It wasn't a disciplinary thing. It was more a situation where the employment relationship had ended and essentially after discussing the matter with the commissioner, having taken into consideration his conduct and how he interacts with other employees, we felt it was for the best interest of the department and the general public if he was relieved from his duties," Inos said in an interview yesterday.

Inos said he and Tudela just couldn't sweep under the rug the grievances filed against the former CNMI range master and that his continued employment at DPS would lower morale and not be beneficial to the police force.

"It would be inappropriate for us to say that 'it's OK, we'll continue.' I think it was best for the individual, the department, the employees, and the general public if we took the most appropriate [move] and that is to essentially end the relationship. He can move on; we can move on," he said.

Inos said that an agency like public safety is different from other agencies in that it needs to be a cohesive unit and the public must have its trust and confidence "so that it should all be working in harmony."

He added that one of the problems that became apparent during Ogumoro's stint at DPS was his poor management skills.

"Looking at the allegations and grievances [against him], it seems to me that Mr. Ogumoro sure needs a lot of help in managing people. I don't know his experience in that regard but this is a unit that needs everyone to be on the same page because we're talking about protection of life and property," he said.

Inos also acknowledged that Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, who is expected to return to the CNMI Thursday, may reinstate Ogumoro, like what he did on July 7 following Ogumoro's May 19 dismissal.

He, however, said he will recommend to Fitial to appoint Ogumoro to an agency other than DPS.

"My position remains the same. Of course, the governor is the governor and if he comes he can decide... I'm not saying 'remove him completely' if there's another way to have a relationship...his presence in DPS will not serve the best interest...if we have a way to take advantage of his expertise and he's willing to help in that regard then I wouldn't hesitate. I will support that and in fact have made that recommendation in the past," he said.

Tudela issued the letter terminating Ogumoro on Nov. 18 but it wasn't until the next day, Nov. 19, that the termination letter was delivered to the house of Ogumoro's mother.

All DPS personnel received a memo announcing

Ogumoro's termination on Nov. 19.

Aside from many concerns raised about the former deputy commissioner's conduct that has resulted in a probe by the Office of the Attorney General, Tudela also cited that based on the records of the Office of the Personnel Management, Ogumoro's employment at DPS already lapsed last Sept. 30, giving the commissioner the right not to extend his services at the department.

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Rotary Club gives Thanksgiving treat to man'amko

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Congregates at the Aging Center celebrated Thanksgiving two days ahead with the extensive and sumptuous lunch buffet provided by the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday.

The Rotarians themselves served the *man'amko* with generous portions of mashed potato, salad, turkey, ham, vegetables, and mouth-watering desserts.

Club president Glen Perez told *Saipan Tribune* that the Rotary has been doing the Thanksgiving luncheon for the *man'amko* for more than 20 years.

"This activity is very important because it shows our appreciation for the *man'amko* and the things they've done for us," he said.

Perez said the Thanksgiving luncheon is really a community event because all the assistance and donations are provided not only by the Rotarians but by different com-

panies and private individuals as well.

Jesus "Jess" Kisa said he is very happy that the Rotary spends time with them and provide them food every Thanksgiving.

"I enjoyed the food. It's only once a year that you can see us get this much food," said Kisa, a retired sanitary inspector.

Saipan Seniors Advisory Council chair Teresita Sorroza said the Rotary was very generous. "There were lots of food and cakes. The turkey was really juicy and good. It's really a treat for the *man'amko*," she said.

Besides providing a delicious lunch, the Rotarians also raffled off different prizes to the congregates.

Perez said prizes for the raffle draw were courtesy of the Rotarians as well as donations from the community.

"I wish all the *man'amko* an enjoyable Thanksgiving with families and friends and we hope that they enjoy life," Perez added.



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December is Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

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In the presence of over 40 officers from the Department of Public Safety led by commissioner Santiago Tudela, acting governor Eloy S. Inos signed yesterday a proclamation designating December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Inos said he wants every member of the police force to help everyone in the CNMI "learn the hazards of impaired driving and become involved in fighting this dangerous problem. I call upon our community and our leaders to observe the CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month: Over the Limit, Under



Acting governor Eloy S. Inos, seated, left is joined by Department of Public Safety personnel during yesterday's proclamation signing designating December as CNMI Drunk and Drugged Driving Month. To Inos' left is DPS Commissioner Santiago Tudela. Seated right is Commonwealth Ports Authority chief Jordon Kosam.

Arrest campaign," he said.

DPS' Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention campaign

will be from Nov. 29, 2010 to Jan. 3, 2011—essentially covering the Christmas season.

Tudela told Inos that DPS will increase its patrols and set up more checkpoints in the run

up and during the holiday season as part of its campaign.

Police Officer Maverick

The Superior Court has imposed a one-year prison term on a Tinian police officer who had sexually abused a female minor.

Associate Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Jason Naputi Ayuyu to five years in prison, all suspended except for 12 months, with credit for the 15 days he had already served in jail.

Tinian cop gets 1 year for sex abuse of minor

The 28-year-old Ayuyu was convicted of sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree. He is no longer a police officer.

Ayuyu will serve his sentence on Saipan without the possibility of parole. After he gets out, he will be placed on seven years

of probation.

He was also required to pay a \$1,000 fine, \$100 court fees, plus probation fees.

Ayuyu had pleaded guilty to sexual abuse of a minor in the third degree as part of a plea bargain.

He was indicted on allegation that he touched the private parts of a then 14-year-old girl on Dec. 13, 2009 on Tinian.

Police learned of the incident from an anonymous caller.

In her police report detective Joann A. Pangelinan said she re-

ceived a call from an unknown person, saying that Ayuyu has a sexual relationship with a minor.

Pangelinan went to the school where she met with the girl's mother and interviewed her daughter. The detective said the girl admitted having sex with Ayuyu in two separate occasions. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**

TINIAN

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Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz and Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez confirmed Wijay's non-renewal with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday but both claimed not to know the reason why Dr. Wijay was let go.

"The hiring of and/or non-renewal of any medical personnel at the Tinian Health

Center is under the purview of the Mayor of Tinian. I do not know the reasons why the physician at THC is not renewing or not being renewed," Villagomez said.

He assured, though, that a replacement for Dr. Wijay is now in the works.

"We continue to work closely with the resident director and his staff to address the healthcare needs of the people of Tinian. We are in constant communication with the man-

agement of the Tinian Health Center to ensure that we address their needs, including the hiring of a replacement for Dr. Wijay," he said.

Tinian residents have been complaining about the alleged inadequate medical services being provided by the Tinian Health Center and Dr. Wijay. The clinic's administration has denied these claims numerous times. Besides the permanent doctor on staff, it said a physician assistant and a midlevel

health provider are also there to treat patients.

Dela Cruz admitted yesterday, however, that the decision to let go of Dr. Wijay was made by the hospital director and medical professionals who deal with the physician's day-to-day performance. He said that a couple of times Dr. Wijay was noted "on and off" at the center. He did not elaborate and refused to comment further on the performance of Dr. Wijay when pressed.

"We desperately need a full-time doctor for THC. I don't know how long it will take, but the center resident director is working with the secretary of Public Health [Joseph Kevin Villagomez] on the new appointment," the mayor said.

When asked if the center is turning away patients due to its lack of a doctor, Dela Cruz said the center has a contingency plan where nurses directly communicate with medical professionals at the Commonwealth

Health Center.

"...but for emergency cases, there's nothing we can do but to fly the patients to CHC," the mayor said.

Dela Cruz said they would prefer to have a general medical practitioner for the Tinian Health Center but he will rely on the decision of the resident director and DPH.

The center has 15 nurses and accommodates about 50 patients daily during regular working hours.

MVA

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This year was supposed to mark the ninth year of the competition that usually draws hundreds of spectators to witness the children's celebration of the holiday season through caroling, dances, and float presentations.

MVA managing director Perry Tenorio said yesterday the decision to suspend the campaign was due to the small budget the central government gave MVA this fiscal year.

He assured, though, that MVA will resume hosting the

event once the fiscal condition improves and funds are available. He said schools have already been informed about the suspension.

Saipan Tribune learned that MVA sets aside \$12,000 each year for the event.

"We support the program... but right now we decided to suspend it until we are in a better fiscal position. We're not terminating the program. However, its continuity will still depend on the availability of funds next year," Tenorio said.

Every year, hundreds of schoolchildren would gather at the American Memorial Park

for the "Christmas in the Marianas" campaign, during which schools compete for prizes.

Last year, Koblerville Elementary School won the competition.

Ignacia Demapan, principal of Kagman Elementary School, said she was not surprised with MVA's decision because everybody is having a hard time these days.

More budget cuts

Tenorio said yesterday that the delay in the budget allotments for MVA this fiscal year forced it to also temporarily suspend a number of promotional activi-

ties in Japan and Korea.

This was done to prioritize the payment of outstanding liabilities to travel partners waiting to be paid for services, including hotels, tour agencies, and marketing partners.

In a statement yesterday, MVA said it received only 46 percent of its \$6.1-million budget for fiscal year 2010. It now owes vendors and tourism partners nearly \$3 million in liabilities and is not able to launch anything other than simple baseline marketing programs that do not require significant expenditure of budget, it said.

"While our partners and ven-

dors have been extremely patient with us regarding making payments, the reality is, many can no longer afford to extend credit to the MVA or accept new purchase orders," said Tenorio, adding that the Northern Marianas' relies heavily on its tourism partners and vendors for the success of its joint promotions, media and travel agent familiarization tours, special events on-island, security at visitor sites, and much more.

He said as soon as MVA makes good on existing debts, it will continue working with partners on plans for the new fiscal year.

"Given the government's cash

flow difficulties, we are extremely grateful for allotments received to date. We know this is a difficult decision to make, given the many needs of our government," said Tenorio. "Tourism is the most immediate means to improving the economy. We look forward to restoring our credibility with local and international partners and getting back to full promotions."

Tenorio also admitted that other annual signature events in 2011 may be affected, including major athletic events supported by the MVA. He did not elaborate.

The MVA is budgeted to receive \$6.45 million in fiscal year 2011.

CUC

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fied the federal court, EPA, and CNMI Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham last week about CUC's failure to meet the deadline.

In her letter, Fisher said the

Tank 104 cleanup has been an issue of concern to CUC since its first status report on Oct. 15, 2010.

At that time, Fisher said, CUC notified EPA and the U.S. District Court for the NMI that it was having a very difficult time incinerating the oil, and progress was so slow

that CUC calculated it could take up to two years to complete the project.

"CUC has, with assistance from EPA and through the ingenuity of its own engineers, figured out a way to incinerate approximately 1,000 to 1,400 gallons of oil per day, which now puts CUC on target for

completion of incineration by the end of January 2011, and completion of tank clean out by the end of February 2011," she said.

Fisher said CUC and the project contractor have ordered new pumps to enhance the slow pumping conditions previously reported, and these have arrived.

CUC now expects the new burning rate of at least 1,000 gallons per day to continue, barring no unforeseen problems.

Fisher said there were about 70,000 gallons of used oil in the tank when this process started; CUC has managed to dispose of about 30,000 gallons already by blending it with diesel and in-

cinerating it.

"Utilizing this process is saving at least \$1 million to CUC, based on responses to its inquiries to ship the oil to other facilities for disposal, and has provided CUC with the ability to revise its contemplated date of completion down to three and a half months," she said.

NKOREA

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said. Island residents were escaping to about 20 shelters in the island while sporadic shelling continued, the JCS said.

The firing came amid South

Korean military drills in the area. North Korea's military had sent a message to South Korea's armed forces early Tuesday to demand that the drills stop, but the South continued them, said an official at South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

During the drills, South Ko-

rean marines on the island shot artillery toward southern waters, away from North Korea, the official said. He spoke on condition of anonymity because of military rules.

After the North's barrages, South Korea responded by firing K-9 155mm self-propelled

howitzers, but the JCS official declined to say whether North Korean territory was hit.

YTN TV said several houses on Yeonpyeong were on fire and that shells were still falling on the island, which is about 75 miles (120 kilometers) west of the coast. The station broad-

cast pictures of thick columns of black smoke rising from the island, which has a population of 1,200 to 1,300. Screams and chaotic shouts could be heard on the video.

President Lee Myung-bak ordered officials to "sternly respond" to North Korea's ac-

tion but also called on officials to make sure that the "situation would not escalate," according to a presidential official. He asked not to be identified, citing the issue's sensitivity.

Lee was holding a security meeting in a presidential situation room, the official said.

Five on list of prospective Tinian gaming commissioners

Tinian and Aguiguan Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz has nominated five individuals as qualified candidates for the Tinian Gaming Control Commission's three vacant commissioner posts.

The list names Manuel P. Villagomez, Gabriel DLC. Evangelista, Edwin P. Aldan, Don A. Farrell, Guillermina C. Cepeda, and Lydia F. Barcinas as possible commissioners.

Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune* that these individuals were identified as potential candidates by community members.

Only two out of five commission posts are occupied, thereby not meeting the needed quorum for the commission to conduct business.

Dela Cruz said the three positions became vacant due to recent retirements.

"I printed the recommendation because in the event that I have to nominate one immediately, I can do so and comply with the requirement of the law," he said.

According to Dela Cruz, he will make the nomination for the three vacant posts,

which will then have to be approved by the Tinian Legislative Delegation.

However, Dela Cruz noted that the lack of funding could pose a problem.

"The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino is not doing well. On the other hand, we need enough commission members in order to conduct official business," he said.

Dela Cruz said everybody on his list of potential candidates has held managerial and supervisory positions in the government. *(Clarissa David)*

2 poker cashiers sue employers

Two poker arcade cashiers sued their employer in federal court yesterday for allegedly underpaying them and not paying them overtime.

Zhen Yu Quan and Lorelei Vinas sued Islas Marianas Inc. and its manager/director David Oh for failure to pay wages required under the Fair Labor Standards Act and breach of contract.

Quan and Vinas, through

counsel Bruce Berline, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to pay them overtime, damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Islas Marianas Inc. owns or operates various poker parlors, retail stores, apartments, and laundromats on Saipan.

Berline stated in the complaint that the defendants hired Quan to work as a

cashier on Feb. 22, 2007. Quan presently continues to work for the defendants.

Berline said the plaintiffs were required to pay for certain fees related to the yearly renewal of their contracts, including fees for initial contract processing and physical examination and medical certification.

Berline said the plaintiffs have not been properly compensated for their overtime. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*



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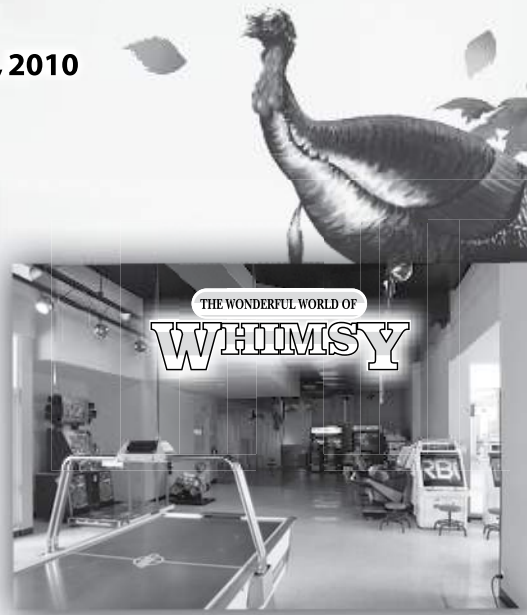
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NMC belies holdup in the issuance of Pell grant checks

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Some parents of students who are eligible to receive the federally funded Pell grant have complained about a delay in the issuance of checks this semester, a claimed denied by Northern Marianas College yesterday.

In a statement to *Saipan Tribune*, the college said that despite the increased number of applicants for the Pell grant, the college's Financial Aid Office has generally kept up with the corresponding increase in grant processing and verification activities.

In fact, the college said, it will soon be releasing the second batch of Pell grant checks. The first batch of Pell grant checks was distributed last month.

"These disbursement cycles are consistent with the times the grant checks were released last school year," NMC said in its statement.

It explained that the processing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, involves a meticulous process that requires the verification of students' information by the U.S. Department of Education. After this review process, the USDOE will flag any discrepancies or missing information from a student's application. The college will then notify students about what they will need to complete or clarify their submission.

"The Northern Marianas College has always been proactive in helping students apply for scholarships and other funding sources to finance their education. In fact, the college recently held its third 'Cash for College' event, a free workshop where community members and students can receive one-on-one assistance in filling up financial aid applications," the statement said, adding that the event typically attracts hundreds of students on Saipan.

Saipan Tribune learned that eligible students can receive up to \$2,775 per semester under the Pell Grant. This is an increase of about \$100 from last year.

Other scholarships available include the CNMI Scholarship, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, and numerous private scholarships.

Locally funded scholarships have experienced delays in the issuance of checks due to the government's declining revenues and other factors.

Financial assistance provided under the CNMI Scholarship Office and SHEFA are sourced from poker fees generated by the government each year.

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Two companies donate \$1,500 to CHC Volunteers



Members of the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers Association pose with D.K.K. Inc. president Hong Kyun Kim yesterday. Kim donated \$500 to the association that aims to assist and provide hospital care at CHC.



Enoch Sungsoo Lim of D&W Ent. Inc. hands a check worth \$1,000 to members of the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers Association yesterday.

The roundtrip tickets were donated by Freedom Air, while the champagne bottles were courtesy of Pacific Wines and Spirits.

Tenorio said that the \$2,800 amount raised from the raffle draw will be added to the amount they need to purchase the group's next project: a hyperbaric chamber.

Tenorio expressed her appreciation to all generous donors and sponsors for their unwavering support to the association composed of 15 active volunteers. She said they always welcome more supporters that will help them improve hospital care at the hospital.

For more information, contact the CHC Volunteers Association at 236-8363.

Group gives away prizes in Thanksgiving raffle

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The spirit of giving is very much in the air as two companies made a contribution to the Commonwealth Health Center Volunteers Association.

The group, established 24 years ago to assist and improve hospital care at CHC, received check donations worth \$500 from D.K.K. Inc. and \$1,000 from D&W Enterprises Inc.

The donations were presented in a brief ceremony yesterday morning at the CHC VA Gift Shop.

Enoch Sungsoo Lim, director for D&W sister company Wushin Corp., said their company has made donations to the CHC Volunteers and other organizations on island during Thanksgiving in the last 10 years.

"They've done a great job performing community service on the island and there's no reason why we shouldn't make any contribution to the community through them," he said.

According to Lim, they also donated a check worth \$1,000 to the Aging Center on Monday.

"It doesn't matter how much amount you donate. What matters is that you want to donate to help the community," added Lim.

D.K.K. Inc. president Hong Kyun Kim said that aside from the CHC Volunteers, he has also made donations to different organizations related to culture, sports and agriculture to share some of his earnings to the community.

"They assist to help patients at the hospital so I decided to help them as well," said Kim.

Rieko Guerrero, one of the volunteers, expressed her gratitude to the two companies for their generous support.

"We really appreciate their donation. It's a big help for the group," she said.

Rita Tenorio, another vol-

unteer, told Saipan Tribune that donations from the community help them raise funds to purchase supplies and equipment for the island's only hospital.

According to Tenorio, doctors at the hospital provide them a list of materials they need based on priority to better serve the patients.

Tenorio said the donations enable the association to provide the hospital with beds and sheets, mammography equipment, patient gowns, and wheelchairs.

Thanksgiving raffle

Aside from donations, Tenorio said the annual Thanksgiving raffle serves as the major fund-raising event of the volunteers.

Tenorio said most of the prizes for the raffle come from different business establishments and private individuals that support the association's cause.

Due to economic downturn, Tenorio said they only printed 560 booklets for the Thanksgiving raffle and sold them for \$5 per booklet but the overwhelming response of the community surprised them.

"People still wanted to buy booklets but we already sold all despite the hard economy on island. The community has been very generous in supporting the volunteers," she said.

This year's raffle draw, held yesterday outside the CHC Volunteers Gift Shop, gave away some 64 prizes, including gift baskets and lunch gift certificates.

Jojo Camacho of Marpac served as emcee while volunteer Francisco Diaz provided assistance during the raffle draw.

Carmen T. Cabrera bagged the baby grand prize of a roundtrip ticket to Rota or Guam while John Peter C. Sablan won the grand prize of a roundtrip ticket to Rota or Guam and two bottles of champagne.

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This week's events include junior long court singles and doubles, as well as adult mixed doubles.

Next week, Dec. 2--5, the THTC continues with adult singles and doubles, and 10 and under short court singles and doubles. Registration for the first week events has closed.

To enter the second week events, please submit your entry forms by Friday, Nov. 26!

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Jury trial of detention guard delayed anew

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The federal court yesterday granted a motion to reset by two more months the jury trial of Tyron Farley Reyes Fitial, the detention guard who allegedly used his position at the Kagman Juvenile Detention to force three female wards to engage in sex acts.

U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge WM. Fremming Nielsen vacated Fitial's trial date of Dec. 6, 2010, and reset it to Feb. 7, 2011 at 9am.

"The court finds that the ends of justice served by the granting of a continuance of

the trial in this matter outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial," said Nielsen, who presided over Fitial's motion via telephonic hearing.

The judge from Eastern District of Washington agreed with Fitial's lawyer, Joseph N. Camacho, that a trial date of Dec. 6, 2010, would unreasonably deny him adequate time to review the case, prepare for trial and provide effective assistance to Fitial.

The original trial date was Oct. 12, 2010, but the court reset it to Dec. 6, 2010, at Fitial's request.

Camacho stated that his client wished to waive speedy

trial. Assistant U.S. attorney James Camacho, on behalf of the U.S. government, did not oppose the waiver.

Nielsen remanded Fitial to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they wanted the trial moved to February because they recently received over a hundred new pages of discovery materials from the prosecution.

He said they are also waiting for the laboratory results on the alleged victim's DNA.

The 24-year-old Fitial had already pleaded not guilty to three counts of deprivation of rights under color of law and one count of enticement of a minor.

According to the superseding indictment, on or about October 2009 through February 2010, Fitial, while acting under color of law, kicked and hit a minor and forced the victim to engage in sex acts.

The offense allegedly resulted in bodily injury, and involved acts of aggravated sexual abuse against the minor—a ward of the Kagman Juvenile Detention and Correctional Facility.

In that same period, Fitial allegedly subjected another minor to coerced sexual acts.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Fitial on June 11 after the filing of the original indictment.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 24, 1999

CDA asks CUC to settle \$100M debt

Commonwealth Development Authority Board chair John S. Tenorio yesterday said he will ask the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to begin paying its \$100 million debt since the planned debt-to-equity conversion scheme has been temporarily shelved. Amid efforts to carry out a \$60 million bond float, Tenorio expressed concern that failure of CUC to start settling its loan may have an effect in securing a bond rating. "It might send wrong signals to international lending institution and harm the credibility of CDA," he said. Tenorio said he will send a letter to the utilities corporation reminding them of their obligation to pay the huge debt.

DPH to conduct medical tests next year

The Department of Public Health will begin carrying out an extensive medical testing in Tanapag in January 2000 to find out if residents have been affected by polychlorinated biphenyls, a toxic chemical which caused widespread contamination in the village for more than 30 years. Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Vilagomez said the Agency for Toxic Disease Registry has promised to train local medical professionals and assist in the evaluation of medical tests. PCB testings will include taking of blood, body fat or breast milk samples to determine whether residents have been exposed to higher levels of this hazardous chemical.

Nov. 24, 2000

BOE cautions against entry of more foreign students

Amid brewing debates on the pros and cons of the impact of the influx of more foreign students into the Northern Marianas educational system, Board of Education vice chair Roman Benavente has proposed that educational entities as well as lawmakers convene for a dialogue to tackle face-to-face discussions on the issue. The board, which earlier moved not to support the legislation, claims it is not opposed to the bill's entirety. However, Benavente has raised concerns on the initiative's potential impact to the Public School System should it become a law. He cited that the mass entry of more foreign students could eventually add burden to the public education sector's steadily increasing student population.

Hiring exemptions for govt jobs awaits Teno's approval

Legislation exempting critical agencies from the ban on hiring non-resident workers in the government is now awaiting Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio's action after the lower house accepted amendments made by the Senate to the proposal. HB 12-285, which cleared the House of Representatives on Wednesday, is considered crucial for these agencies as some of their foreign workers are being threatened with deportation since their employment contracts have already expired. Rep. Diego T. Benavente has asked the House clerk to immediately send the measure over to the governor's office for his signature, noting the need by agencies to renew these contracts.

Nov. 24, 2002

House backs higher tax for tobacco

The House majority pitched for a smoke-free CNMI Friday by passing legislation that seeks to hike excise taxes on tobacco products—the proceeds of which are eyed to support local medical referral and chronic disease treatment expenditures. House members voted 14 to one for the adoption of House Bill 13-202 [Committee Substitute 1, as amended]—which proposes to set up the Tobacco Control Fund, whose purpose will be to establish legislative, managerial and fiscal control over the use of a portion of the increase of the tobacco excise taxes allocated for the CNMI tobacco control program. Rep. Gloria Cabrera, the bill's author, convinced fellow legislators Friday to support the measure that will not only discourage easy access of tobacco products among the youth, but will also finance critical prevention programs created to address the adverse health effects of tobacco to local users.

Safety helmet legislation fails to pass lower House

The House of Representatives voted down Thursday a Senate-sponsored legislation that proposes to require the use of safety helmets among motorcycle operators and passengers under 18 years old. House members contended that injuries created by not wearing a helmet has more negative, social and financial impact than the passage of the motorcycle safety helmet measure—or Senate Bill 13-78—into law. SB 13-78, authored by Senate Floor Leader Joaquin G. Adriano, seeks to require operators and passengers of motorcycles, who are less than 18 years old, traveling on any Commonwealth highway to wear safety helmets.

If you listen closely the turkey is really saying "Buckle-Buckle-Buckle."

Buckle up this Thanksgiving.



Safety 1st makes holiday donations for student safety

In preparation for Safety 1st Systems CNMI, Inc.'s annual holiday sale, fire safety and student pedestrian safety donations were made to all CNMI Public School System elementary schools. Kagman Elementary School was the first school selected to receive the donations.

Fire extinguisher safety training sessions, by a certified fire technician, will train and certify CNMI Public School System's teachers and safety committee personnel. Each CNMI PSS elementary school will also receive traffic safety cones, safety flags, safety vests, reflective belts and "stop and slow" paddles for student pedestrian crossings.

Safety 1st Systems CNMI, Inc.'s Holiday Sale begins on Nov. 26 and ends on Dec. 24. Everything in the SFS CNMI Gualo Rai store is priced 25 to 50 percent off for the entire sale period. (PR)



Receiving the initial donation of pedestrian safety equipment and the fire extinguisher training session are Kagman Elementary School principal Ignacia Demepan, Kagman School counselor and emergency coordinator Dan Basaldua, SFS CNMI's general manager Thom Coleman, SFS CNMI's fire technician Jack Kabiriel, and KES teachers, staff and students.

Sobriety checkpoints on Rota

The Department of Public Safety will be conducting sobriety checkpoints on Rota for three days, Nov. 26-28, 2010.

On Friday, Nov. 26, the first will be held along San Francisco Highway Tatachog by the Northern Marianas College, from 7:30pm to 8:45pm. The second setup will be along San Francisco Highway by the Sinapalo 3 Park, from 11pm to 12:15am of Nov. 27, 2010.

On Saturday, Nov. 27, first checkpoint will be along San Francisco Highway Pinatang by the Pinatang Park, from 5:30pm to 6:45pm. The second setup will be held along San Francisco Highway Uyulan by the Rota Hotel,

from 8pm to 9:15pm.

On Sunday, Nov. 28, the first setup will be along San Francisco Highway Teteto, from 5pm to 6:15pm. The second will be in Sinapalo 1 by the San Isidro Church, from 8:30pm to 9:45pm.

Each checkpoint will last at least 75 minutes (1 hour 15 minutes) at each location. Checkpoints are subject to be terminated if it begins to rain.

Police officers will also be conducting highway criminal interdictions, saturation patrols, aggressive driver interdictions, and laser activities.

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The Greedy Innkeeper

The only way to take control of your life, raise your standard of living and move beyond merely surviving is to create your own unique product or service that you offer to increasing numbers of people in exchange for the things of value that you desire. This simple formula applies to countries as well as people. A self-sufficient economy has its own products or services of value to export to the world. Similarly, a self-sufficient individual has something of value to exchange in the global marketplace. That thing of value is based on your natural talent, skill, or interest—in other words, your passion!

I was going to begin by saying that I don't understand greedy people, but that may sound a bit naive. So, don't get me wrong. I know what greed is. I recognize it when I see it, I think. It's just that, when it comes to business and life, it's not in me as a personality trait, so I can't endorse it as a strategy for success and happiness. However, I'm sure there are others who can and do. Whenever I encounter it, however, it gives me pause, and raises some unanswerable questions.

I'll share a recent little travel experience to illustrate. As you may know, I'm currently following my passion traveling through Asia. In one of the cities I stayed, I asked an apartment-owner for a special deal for a 30-day stay. I had already stayed three weeks, and was willing to stay longer.

As a "tourist," staying day to day, I expect to pay a premium for my accommodations, and I was. I was paying the equivalent of \$529/month for a room, kitchen and living room, in a four-bedroom townhouse.

However, I had made friends in town, so I knew that the going rate in that part of town—at \$220/month—was considerably less than what I was paying. So, I offered to pay the innkeeper \$300/month. He refused insisting that he could go no less than \$440/month.

I even offered to pay him as much as \$350/month. However, since he was familiar with the other options in town, he was convinced that he had a bit of leverage as he thought (and even told me) I would not be able to find short-term rental in the neighborhood at the rate I was offering. He wouldn't budge.

However correct he was in his assumptions, he was, in my estimation, simply being greedy. He had already received almost a full month's "premium" rent from me, and was now being offered a second full month at a rate that was still above the local rate.

Additionally, as I was staying in a four-bedroom suite, he would still have three additional rooms to rent to other travelers throughout the month at a premium, even while I paid him *more* than the entire apartment could be rented to local residents. He was, in my estimation, simply being greedy.

Every right

Now, as a business owner myself, I respect his right to insist to be paid what he thinks his accommodations are worth. And, according to the "law of obligation" philosophy that I live by, I know he's under *no* obligation whatsoever to negotiate this deal to my satisfaction.

However, I felt he was being unreasonable. Having stayed there for three weeks already, and being witness to how infrequently the other rooms in the suite were being rented, I knew that it would be difficult for him to maintain full occupancy or even half-a-month's occupancy. So, given the choice of a guaranteed \$300/month, or an uncertain struggle to maintain occupancy, he chose the struggle.

Plan B

I say "he chose the struggle," because I then did what I always do whenever I feel a single individual is using their perceived leverage unreasonably, or is too much in control of my options. I left. I found another option.



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Creating economic success for the CNMI

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Within just a few hours, I learned that friends in town were leaving and they let me stay in their now empty apartment—a similar four-bedroom townhouse just a short walk away—absolutely free of charge. So, I moved out of the innkeeper's suite the next day, and even got some of my money back since I had prepaid a few days in advance. Things have a great way of working out, don't they?

Throughout my business and personal life, I've always lived by the philosophy that "any plan or strategy that relies on a single individual or entity for its success is a flawed plan." In other words, I never allow any one person to hold all keys to all the doors I wish to enter—figuratively, and literally. I always have a "Plan B."

When it comes to greedy business partners, or people who steal my clients, I don't worry about revenge, or about taking them to court, or about fighting over money. My time is too valuable for that. I simply walk away and create new experiences that elevate me and make me prosper. I know that my success in life cannot be restricted by any single human, entity or country. And when people try to control, restrict or adversely affect that success, I remain above their level of thought and action and continue my forward-upward trajectory.

At the same time, because I am aware that there are people who choose the greed option, I always plan my strategies and execute my plans with a backup plan in place, just in case a person I am working with fails to produce the expected results.

For example, if I'm looking for someone to print my books, I always have two (or more) options. If I'm depending on someone to perform some activity, or relay some information, I always make sure I have a strategy in the ready just in case they drop the ball. I'm rarely derailed by greed, malicious intent or general incompetence.

Um, did I just kill the goose?

I don't spend too much time contemplating the mentality of the greedy. However, there's an aspect of the ways of greed that I've

always found fascinating. Do the greedy weigh the potential consequences of their greed? Do they see the potential harm to long-term relationships that their greed causes? Do they have any regret or remorse over their choices and the consequences to themselves and others?

As the greedy innkeeper now sits with an empty apartment earning \$0 per day and \$0 per month from me, and now having to struggle to maintain occupancy, does it occur to him that perhaps he was being greedy? Does it occur to him that his "bird in the hand (that he has now lost) was worth two in the bush?" Does he recognize that he just killed the goose that laid the golden egg?

Does he consider that he should act differently next time? Does he imagine that greed may not be a viable strategy in the larger scheme of things? Does he realize that now the relationship has soured and that there may be no future dealings or referrals from me, further limiting his future income?

Sadly, I imagine that he does not. I've learned that most people are doing the best they can. In other words, when a person knows better, they do better. Most people are living according to a fixed worldview, a fixed personal paradigm, and choose from the only set of options they feel are available to them. Experts also say that a person cannot engage in an activity he/she knows to be wrong, so there must be some justification that occurs that makes him/her feel it is "right" for him to engage in the activity. (The man who steals a loaf of bread justifies it by his or his family's hunger and lack of options.)

Greed and scarcity

Such greed is often based on a scarcity mentality. The scarcity mentality essentially says, "I must get as much as I can NOW, for there may not be the chance tomorrow, or even a tomorrow." Combined with a capitalist imperative that makes success a win-lose proposition that justifies one person's success at another person's expense, such a paradigm reduces the other individual in any negotiation or transaction to mere "dollar potential," available only in the immediate moment for immediate benefit only.

I imagine that the innkeeper, therefore, did not see me as long-term potential. After all, to him I am just a tourist—here today, gone tomorrow. I imagine that even if he regrets *this* loss, he likely believes there'll simply be another tourist coming along at some point with whom he can try his strategy again. Of course, I'm only speculating, here. I'm hoping our interaction can serve as a bit of behavior modification.

See **THE GREEDY** on next page

EDITORIAL POLICY

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Squeezing the other end of the rainbow

I caused quite a commotion a few months ago when I wrote a letter to the editor regarding the need to pass a Tinian local budget and adjusting salaries for the Tinian gaming commissioners. Many were quite disappointed about my very public position and called it an internal matter that shouldn't be discussed in such a public forum. Many questioned my loyalty to the "party," called my public statements a breach of trust and downright disrespectful to party officials and the Tinian leadership. I damaged quite a few friendships, gained respect from a few and was the hot topic of the coffee shops for a couple of weeks.

Needless to say, in a smaller community like Tinian or Rota, it is very difficult to take a stand, right or wrong, without severe repercussions because there is never a time when what comes out of your mouth will not be taken as a personal offense or a direct attack.

With that being said, come what may, someone has to say something about the recent transactions at the Tinian Municipal Council and the allocation of funds on Tinian as prescribed by the CNMI budget.

Over the last couple of months, we have watched the saga of the deliberations over the CNMI budget. With all the pandemonium, all that everyone wanted was for a budget to be passed so that people can get back to work. As a result, people forgot to read the fine print. Interestingly enough, the Tinian Municipal Council, while the whole of Tinian was being cut, got a substantial increase in their budget. From a bare bones budget, the

Tinian Municipal Council now has the capacity to hire a political advisor, under professional services contract, not to exceed the amount of \$50,000 per year. Perhaps what is far more interesting is the fact that the political advisor, the Senate vice president's brother, went on a shrimp fact-finding expedition with the chairman of the Council. The shrimp expedition is public knowledge as they've put out a press release. I'm a part-time *wahine* and I've been to Kahuku. There isn't anything there that Tony Peligrino and an \$84 round-trip ticket to Saipan couldn't answer.

The real issue is the large increase in allocation to the Tinian Municipal Council. In a year of deep cuts to Tinian's budget, of which essential services are not spared and are asked to sacrifice, the council's budget went from \$36K to \$138K. On any given Sunday, when essential departments are not being cut and the overall budget of Tinian is not being downsized and people are not being asked to sacrifice their already meager earnings, there would be no point of contention. The fact is, this allocation had to come from somewhere and it didn't come from someone else's pockets. Somewhere in San Jose got squeezed so that someone over the rainbow can get a job. I can't state it any other way because that is how the facts have presented themselves to be and it needs to be put out there for everyone to know.

So, the next time you go to the Tinian Health Center and the Department of Public Safety, two of Tinian's most critical departments, and find it to be lacking, ask yourself what that \$100,000 at the Tinian Municipal Council can do. The next time you go to some

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department on Tinian whose services you require but cannot get any kind of attention because they are running on a skeleton crew and budget, ask yourself what that \$100,000 can do. The next time you complain about a department not providing whatever program you are used to that benefits the whole community, ask yourself what that \$100,000 can do. The next time you stroll around the village and find the grass to be taller than your 2-year old, ask yourself what \$100,000 can do. The next time you need medical supplemental assistance and they nickel and dime you, ask yourself what that \$100,000 can do. The next time your kid receives their scholarship assistance and it can only pay for a couple of books, ask yourself what that \$100,000 can do.

It is what it is but what should it be, is the question. I'm not asking anything of anyone other than just to think about it.

Happy coffee talks!

As hopelessness sets in

Our simple folks now seek help from divine providence. It's an SOS situation all the way around. Help! Any help! Their expectation for guidance from leadership has turned to yawn at dawn. It turns their bout with real hardship unbearably mind-numbing, battered whimsically by uncertainty. It's troubling.

The once enthusiastic faces passing beyond my front gate have turned stiff. These are parents bringing their kids to school in the morning. That fresh smile is gone—a hallmark of island hospitality and harmony in spite of all the hardship they had to endure. Perhaps they are preoccupied by vicious riddles how else would they juggle the family budget.

Family pocketbooks have been shredded and ruined by the imposition of austerity measures saddled by a slew of more bad tidings. There's the proposal to raise power rates and we can't even afford the prevailing surcharge. Food prices have gone up recently, triggered by the recent raise in federal minimum wage. Gasoline just spiked by another five cents. Food costs would take another increase by April of next year, not to mention the likely termination of half of public sector employees as fiscal disaster deepens.

Too, some scholars had to drop out of school because their checks never came on time. The next time public officials give speeches on the importance of education we ought to puke on their faces or tell them to preach it to their southern terminus. Why the redundancy of lies and more lies? Don't you think students know better than to listen to recycled, empty rhetoric?

The barrage of bad tidings never ends. In fact, it seems to multiply by the day. I often quiz if I'm not suffering from cognitive decline after perusing bad news, then another day of more bad news, piled by another day of "very bad news." Woe! Life such as it is today in paradise. And what has the administration and Legislature done to ease the final blows of jumping off Debt Cliff? A lot of wishful thinking, skirting 16 hour cuts among other familial devastation.

Sooner than later, city hall must realistically address and resolve real time cuts on operations costs. To do otherwise is to incur liability that piles up more deficits. Dilly-dallying with "delayed" paydays

isn't the answer though a convenient temporary cover. Seemingly, no one has the courage to declare that the local government is bankrupt. Soon, we'd be sharing Ralph Emerson's definition of staying superficially in the black: "Solvency is maintained by means of national debt, on the principle, 'If you will not lend me money, how can I pay you?'"

A twist of humor, though a very highly volatile situation. It could just as soon turn into a wasteland of unemployment never before seen in NMI history. But as we struggle to understand issues above our heads and beyond our control, it doesn't absolve leadership from employing the role of Moses who took the Israelites from Egypt to bring them out of slavery. Locally, slavery is the metaphorical steady sinking of governance into conditions of abject poverty. No one deserves this! Let's see some semblance of the promised better days five years ago.

May I reiterate that there's a difference between "managing" and "leading." Current circumstance is one of management: juggling funds here and there hoping to make it through another pay period. Leadership involves a vision, goal setting and motivation. Micro-management contributes significantly to the loss of morale among the troops!

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Tomorrow is Thanksgiving Day in most Christian countries throughout the world. Ours is the tiny pearly isles of the Marianas. This day has become a tradition here. It also marks the beginning of the holiday season. Is there anything to be thankful for? Tons of it in spite of it all!

There's roof over our heads. Federally funded school lunch program feeds most of our pupils. I recall we never had this privilege a long, long time ago. Either you bluff it by visiting the drinking fountain at school between classes to refill your tummy or go figure if you'd have something for lunch.

Indeed, we've been living paycheck-to-paycheck or on the edge since a decade ago. It seems that every turn we take there's the beast of increases in most everything we buy. Hardest hit are households where there's a single wage earner making \$10K per year. With aus-

sages are correct—that life can be a win-win proposition, that fair exchange is the basis of true prosperity, that there is enough for everyone's need, but not everyone's greed—then such options exist for us to practice, and if we wish for the ultimate prosperity of the planet as a global community, we *must* choose and practice them.

It may be a sad conclusion to reach, but the very people who choose and practice greed as a business or life strategy, and who are most in need of changing their behavior, are inherently incapable of recognizing those other options. The evil do not know they are evil, and the greedy cannot see their greed.

The good news, however, is that unlike the greedy innkeeper, you, my friend, can choose these options. I hope you do!

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Note: Where will YOUR passion take you? What sort of life

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terity, this income contracts even further. It is time leadership brings to the U.S. Department of Agriculture the obvious need to increase food stamps quota for the NMI.

I dread seeing more of our people on the food stamps roster. But I'm equally certain that most would prefer and appreciate some form of assistance over nothing at all. Is there another option other than food stamps? I doubt it, though let this be just a temporary measure until everything returns to normalcy. The recovery period (if it ever gets off the ground) would be around for another 10 years.

Yes, this community, through its parishes used to collect goodies and spread them among the most needy during the holiday season. This year the heads of parishes have refrained from asking for donations knowing that nearly everyone is financially challenged. Yes, we've been a very generous people even in bad times, though financial wherewithal has its limits and it isn't paid for with hope but real cash.

If anything, communal sharing, a cultural forte, has kept us together in both calm and storm. It is a cultural tradition that has kept families together through generations. It is through this gathering that we explore everyone's whereabouts. It is through this sense of harmony and unity that we extend help to siblings who suffer from unemployment or heavy cuts in familial income. We give whatever it is that comes straight from the heart and generously too.

The bad times shall also pass. It's the dark before dawn. Let's hope and pray that we are closer to treading the dawn of better days than what our nimble minds could perceive. Be it in thick and thin, I still pray for each of you. Happy Thanksgiving!

THE GREEDY

From Page

In the future

Perhaps I'm not a good businessman. Perhaps I, in fact, was the one being greedy and unreasonable. Perhaps, in time, I will learn the answers to these and other questions. What I do believe is that there are consequences to greed that limit the future potential of the individual who practices it as well as the society as a whole in which it is practiced. Eventually there will come a limit to the sustainability of the greed-as-an-option strategy. Resources dry up. Relationships dissolve. Revenues decline. Prosperity diminishes.

What I do believe is that there are other options to greed. If the

would you live if you could? Find out what's possible. Check out my new adventures on jamaicaninchina.com.

Note: Ever wanted to direct your friends and family to a set of websites that revealed the best things about Saipan? Do what I do: send them to www.bestofsaipan.com!

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Until next week, remember, success is a journey, not a destination!

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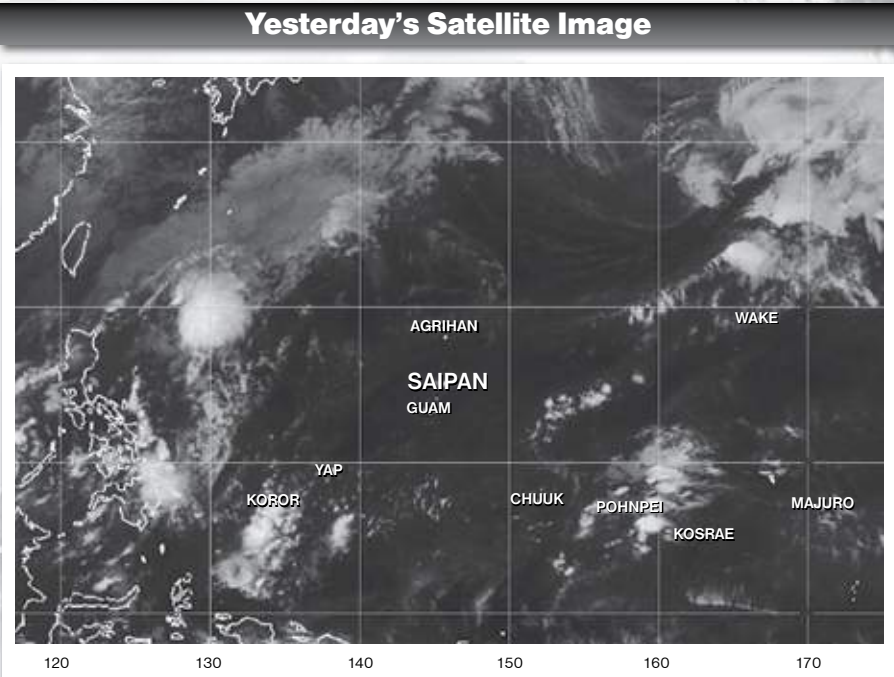
5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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|  |  |  |  |  |
| Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
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| Micronesia | | |
|---------------|----------------|---------|
| Guam and Rota | Thundershowers | ▲87 ▼79 |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | ▲86 ▼77 |
| Yap | Thunderstorms | ▲89 ▼77 |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | ▲83 ▼78 |
| Pohnpei | Showers | ▲88 ▼72 |
| Kosrae | Showers | ▲87 ▼75 |
| Majuro | Rain | ▲83 ▼74 |

| Around The Globe | | |
|------------------|----------------|---------|
| Auckland | Sunny | ▲67 ▼58 |
| Beijing | Windy | ▲46 ▼22 |
| Hong Kong | Mostly Sunny | ▲77 ▼66 |
| Honolulu | Mostly Sunny | ▲82 ▼72 |
| London | Partly Cloudy | ▲39 ▼29 |
| Los Angeles | Partly Cloudy | ▲59 ▼46 |
| Manila | Thundershowers | ▲87 ▼80 |
| Melbourne | Partly Cloudy | ▲83 ▼63 |
| Miami | Showers | ▲81 ▼66 |
| New York | Showers | ▲62 ▼38 |
| Osaka | Partly Cloudy | ▲59 ▼47 |
| Paris | Showers | ▲43 ▼32 |
| Pusan | Mostly Sunny | ▲61 ▼47 |
| Rome | Showers | ▲58 ▼43 |
| Salem | Snow | ▲32 ▼18 |
| San Francisco | Rain | ▲56 ▼39 |
| Seoul | Partly Cloudy | ▲53 ▼35 |
| Tokyo | Partly Cloudy | ▲57 ▼48 |
| Washington, DC | Showers | ▲69 ▼41 |

| Tides | | | |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------|
| Saipan Harbor | | | |
| 3:03 AM | Today | Low Tide: | 0.5 Feet |
| 10:17 AM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 3:36 PM | Today | Low Tide: | 1.3 Feet |
| 8:11 PM | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A nearly-stationary front runs northeastward from 20N130E to 24N138E then curves southeastward to 20N150E then continues northeastward as a cold front to beyond 25N167E. Cloudiness along with scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are northwest of a line from 20N130E to 25N140E. Widely scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Wake Island are north of 20N from 160E to 175E. Converging southeast winds are triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms west of 131E between 10N and 20N. A surface trough near Koror extends from 8N136E to 2N133E with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 125 miles of the trough. Another surface trough near Pohnpei extends from 11N162E to 5N158E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are within 100 miles of a line from 10N160E and 4N159E. Scattered showers are southeast of Majuro within 100 miles of a line from 5N175E to 7N180.

| Sunrise/Sunset | | | Moonrise/Moonset | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|------------------|----------|----------|
| Today | 6:23 AM | 5:44 PM | Today | 7:59 PM | 8:26 AM |
| Thursday | 6:24 AM | 5:44 PM | Thursday | 8:59 PM | 9:20 AM |
| Friday | 6:24 AM | 5:44 PM | Friday | 9:58 PM | 10:11 AM |
| Saturday | 6:25 AM | 5:44 PM | Saturday | 10:56 PM | 10:59 AM |
| Sunday | 6:25 AM | 5:44 PM | Sunday | 11:53 PM | 11:44 AM |

| FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010 | | | | |
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| DEPARTURES | | | | |
| SAIPAN-GUAM | | | | |
| C09317 | 4:25am | 5:15am | Daily | |
| C09313 | 7:55am | 8:45am | 3, 6 | |
| C09313 | 8:30am | 9:20am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 | |
| C09601 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 | |
| C09603 | 3:05pm | 3:55pm | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 | |
| C09605 | 6:20pm | 7:10pm | Daily | |
| C09599 | 9:30pm | 10:20pm | Daily | |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | | |
| DL287 | 6:10am | 8:45am | Daily | |
| DL285 | 6:40am | 9:15am | Daily | |
| DL297 | 4:35pm | 7:15pm | Daily | |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | | |
| OZ608 | 3:20am | 6:50am | 1, 5 | |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | | |
| OZ604 | 2:10am | 6:00am | 1 | |
| OZ604 | 2:40am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | |
| OZ606 | 3:20pm | 7:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 | |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | | |
| FM844 | 2:50am | 5:40am | 2, 6 | |
| SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL) | | | | |
| OZ604/701 | 2:10am | 11:50am | 1 via ICN | |
| OZ604/701 | 2:40am | 11:50am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | |
| C09317/891 | 2:45am | 9:45am | 3, 6 via GUM | |
| DL285/173 | 6:40am | 10:15pm | Daily via NRT | |
| C09313/933 | 7:55am | 9:40pm | 6 via GUM | |
| C09313/893 | 7:55am | 11:00pm | 3 via GUM-Palau | |
| C09603/933 | 3:05pm | 9:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM | |
| C09603/893 | 3:05pm | 11:00pm | 5 via GUM-Palau | |
| C09605/933 | 6:20pm | 9:40pm | 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM | |
| OZ606/703 | 3:20pm | 11:00pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 ICN | |
| C09599/PR111 | 9:30pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM | |
| SAIPAN-HONG KONG | | | | |
| OZ604/721 | 2:10am | 12:00am | 1 via ICN | |
| OZ604/721 | 2:40am | 12:00am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN | |
| C09603/909 | 3:05pm | 10:25pm | 1, 5 via GUM | |
| OZ606/723 | 3:20pm | 10:35pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN | |
| GUAM-SAIPAN | | | | |
| C09316 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily | |
| C09596 | 6:35am | 7:25am | 3, 6 | |
| C09596 | 7:00am | 7:50am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 | |
| C09600 | 10:05am | 10:55am | 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 | |
| C09602 | 1:40pm | 2:30pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 | |
| C09604 | 5:00pm | 5:50pm | Daily | |
| C09606 | 8:00pm | 8:50pm | Daily | |
| NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| DL298 | 10:25am | 3:05pm | Daily | |
| DL286 | 3:50pm | 8:25pm | Daily | |
| DL288 | 8:00pm | 12:30am+1 | Daily | |
| BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ607 | 9:10pm | 2:20am+1 | 4, 7 | |
| SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ605 | 9:00am | 2:20pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 | |
| OZ603 | 7:40pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 | |
| OZ603 | 8:10pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 | |
| SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| FM843 | 7:15pm | 1:50am+1 | 1, 5 | |
| MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ704/605 | 12:10am | 2:20pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN | |
| DL172/286 | 7:55am | 8:25pm | Daily via NRT | |
| C0890/9606 | 10:55am | 8:50pm | 3, 6 via GUM | |
| OZ702/603 | 1:10pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN | |
| OZ702/603 | 1:10pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN | |
| C0892/9596 | 10:25pm | 7:25am+1 | 3 via GUM-Palau | |
| C0892/9596 | 10:25pm | 7:50am+1 | 5 via GUM-Palau | |
| PR110/C0596 | 10:00pm | 7:25am+1 | 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM | |
| C0934/9596 | 11:10pm | 7:25am+1 | 3 via GUM | |
| C0934/9596 | 11:10pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 2, 5, 7 via GUM | |
| C0934/9596 | 11:59pm | 7:25am+1 | 6 via GUM | |
| C0934/9596 | 11:59pm | 7:50am+1 | 4 via GUM | |
| HONG KONG-SAIPAN | | | | |
| OZ724/605 | 12:30am | 2:20pm | 2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN | |
| OZ722/603 | 1:30pm | 1:00am+1 | 7 via ICN | |
| OZ722/603 | 1:30pm | 1:30am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN | |
| C0910/9596 | 11:15pm | 7:50am+1 | 1, 5 via GUM | |
| Editor's Note: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; FM: Shanghai Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.) | | | | |

| FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE | | | | | | | | | |
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| Airline | | | | ETD | ETA | Airline | | | |
| Guam-Rota | | | | | | Rota-Saipan | | | |
| FRE 100 | | 7:30 | 8:00 | Daily | | FRE 113 | | 11:40 | 11:50 |
| FRE 100 | | 8:20 | 8:50 | Daily | | FRE 115 | | 13:00 | 13:10 |
| FRE 300 | | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily | | FRE 117 | | 14:30 | 14:40 |
| FRE 400 | | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily | | FRE 119 | | 16:00 | 16:10 |
| Saipan-Rota | | | | | | Rota-Guam | | | |
| FRE 200 | | 9:30 | 10:00 | Daily | | FRE 121 | | 16:40 | 16:50 |
| FRE 103 | | 7:30 | 7:40 | Daily | | FRE 123 | | 17:40 | 17:50 |
| FRE 105 | | 8:00 | 8:10 | Daily | | FRE 125 | | 18:30 | 18:40 |
| FRE 107 | | 8:40 | 8:50 | Daily | | Tinian-Saipan | | | |
| FRE 109 | | 9:10 | 9:20 | Daily | | FRE 102 | | 7:05 | 7:15 |
| FRE 111 | | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily | | FRE 104 | | 7:50 | 8:00 |
| | | | | | | FRE 106 | | 8:20 | 8:30 |
| | | | | | | FRE 108 | | 9:00 | 9:10 |
| | | | | | | FRE 110 | | 10:00 | 10:10 |
| | | | | | | FRE 112 | | 11:05 | 11:15 |
| | | | | | | FRE 114 | | 12:00 | 12:10 |
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| | | | | | | FRE 118 | | 14:50 | 15:00 |
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| | | | | | | FRE 126 | | 18:50 | 19:00 |

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Letters to the Editor

The caution: A personal viewpoint about VLT

Last of a five-part series

In the previous four parts of this series, we have taken a look at historical and factual data as demonstrated in areas of the U.S. where VLT gambling has been introduced. In this final part, I would like to offer for your thoughts what I believe is likely to transpire from all this. The rest is up to you.

In part 4, we issued a "caution" about what kind of scenario might ensue in order for P.E.T. to realize its expectations. Are they realistic? Given the political propensity of CNMI elected officials toward greed and/or corruption, I think so. What if existing local poker revenue dried up or disappeared altogether? The demise of this local revenue source would affect several ongoing programs such as scholarships. Although the introduction of gambling to an area is often touted as beneficial by dangling such programs as scholarships and medical assistance in front of the voters, the *real* purpose is always to derive a profit for its owners. Do you think the owners of P.E.T. and its initiative actually care whether or not existing local poker revenues go away? Are they proposing to allocate any portion of their take to replace any decline in local poker revenue for ongoing programs?

As of now, existing units are spread out all over the place with multiple owners, multiple locations, multiple "types," etc., all competing for the gambling dollar. If they were all gone and *one* company (P.E.T.) has control over virtually all standalone gambling, guess what would probably happen to those aforementioned percentages. Daily payouts would fall to the lowest possible rate until gamblers reached their breaking point, at which the fall would stop. This has been demonstrated in other areas by instances of a drop from an average of 92 percent to as low as 74 percent when competition was reduced or eliminated, and this "floor" is almost always maintained by a state imposed legal minimum; and the resultant profit for the owners skyrocketed. Revenues available to the state (or local municipality) would no longer be assured as at present because a whole new set of rules would apply; rules that are being formulated *now* by the politically connected few; rules that, so far, have been kept quite secret and for VLT *only*. Why?

As we have seen, the introduction of 750 VLT units will result in a huge change in the gambling picture of the CNMI, but the point here is that this change is being wrought right under our noses—and virtually in secret. I believe the public has a right to know just what is going on and how and when and by whom. I also believe the public has a right to ask the promoters what expectations there are for the public's own well-being. We already know what poker has done—but now, tell us what are the expectations for the future (no glam please) and back up those expectations with established facts. Folks, it's up to you—do you *care*? This is but one of the hundreds of questions left pending by the new gambling proposal.

A final thought on a possible "silver lining" for the islands of Rota and Tinian. Rota and Tinian are constitutionally mandated "*chartered*" municipalities (Saipan and the Northern Islands are *not*). As

Voice of the people

With recent events in our community aimed at raising awareness and breaking the silence about family violence, it seems fitting to continue our collective efforts and respond to the invitation by the new United Nations Office of Women to observe and support the 16 days of activism for the Elimination Of Violence Against Women from Nov. 25 ending on International Human Rights Day, Dec. 10.

The UN is asking people to focus on the eradication of violence against women and girls and encourages people and families to engage in discourses related to that topic and to the related topic of fostering the equality of men and women.

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon stated, "*We all need to unite to demand accountability for the violations of the rights of women and girls. ... 'We must address the roots of violence against women by eradicating discrimination and changing the mindsets that perpetuate it'*" (at a 2010 panel as part of the 54th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women).

Relating to cultural practices that are sometimes a barrier to change, this quote is appropriate: "*The transformation required is difficult for women and men alike...you must continue your efforts to transcend those cultural practices that impede the progress of women.*" (Bahá'í Universal House of Justice)

"Beyond Legal Reforms" is a statement suggesting if the epidemic of violence against women and girls is to end, attitude and mindset changes are equally as important as the court system. A statement summary can be found at

http://www.onecountry.org/e183/e18302as_Perspective_Women_and_Violence.htm

Barbara Jamison

Secretary

The National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Mariana Islands

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such, it is possible to establish certain local authorities and rights regarding such things that occur within your boundaries that affect only the status within your boundaries. Although the *right* of a chartered municipality to enact local ordinances has not yet been tested in local courts, it should be, and now is possibly the best time to do it. For instance, you have the *right* to enact local laws *not* overseen by the state, or requiring state approval (governor's signature) as long as they affect only the local area and do not counter or infringe on state laws. And, you have the right to "add to" state laws that do affect the local area; to make them more stringent, for example. Do you think the centrist politicians of Saipan want you to avail of that?

For instance, you have the *right* to local taxation, etc. This may

offer a golden opportunity to assert those rights and control the effects of privately run enterprises that would detrimentally affect local concerns. You want the right of self-government? It has already been given to you! Now, exercise it.

What's the first step? Write and enact a local charter, with all its allowable rules and authorities, as permitted by the CNMI Constitution. That is part of the self-governance many of you whine about *not* having, in spite of the fact that you *already have it*! Now is the time to stand up and show that you understand it.

Dr. Thomas D. Arkle Jr.,
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Int'l ballet stars to grace holiday spectacular in Dec.

This year Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts has planned an even greater performance than has ever been seen on Saipan. This December's spectacular holiday performance will feature *The Nutcracker* and "Concert of International Ballet Stars," performed by world-class international ballet stars from Russia, Japan, and Korea.

Performances are scheduled on Dec. 10 and 11, Friday and Saturday, at the Amphitheater of the American Memorial Park. Doors will open at 6:30pm on each night and shows will start promptly at 7pm.

This year's show will feature the famous Russian danseur Alexey Nasadovich, who is currently working as a ballet principal for the world-class Yekater-

inburg's Ballet of Russia. Many will recognize him as he has already performed for Saipan audiences in the last few years.

"Due to his love for Saipan, he has again agreed to fly over 10,000 miles just to perform for our Saipan community," said Anna Glushko of Glushko's Academy of Performing Arts.

Nasadovich's stage partner and wife, Margarita Rudina, will not be coming this time due to a tour around Russia with her ballet company.

Instead, Nasadovich will be dancing this December with Asami Takai from Osaka, Japan.

In addition, the Universal Ballet Academy, the premier ballet academy of South Korea, will present two new dancers to round out the international



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delegation of ballet stars. Hyek of Universal Ballet Seoul, would be part of Korean delegation.

Tickets to the show—\$10 for children ages 3-12 years old and \$15 for adults—are available at the following outlets: Gourmet Chinese Restaurant (Garapan); 360 Restaurant (Susupe); EZ-Mart (Gualo

Rai), Kevin's Store (Chalan Kanoa), Glushko's Academy (2nd floor, Marianas Business Plaza, Susupe) and at the door.

For more information call 483-6271 or e-mail glushkosacademy@yahoo.com. (PR)

NMC to host a Tinian 'Cash for College' workshop on Nov. 30

The Northern Marianas College will be hosting a "Cash for College" workshop aimed at helping students and their parents maximize scholarship opportunities that are available to students seeking to obtain a college education. This workshop will be hosted on Tinian.

Workshop attendees will receive personal assistance and guidance in completing financial aid forms for the CNMI Scholarship, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the Tinian Municipal Scholarship, and other scholarships.

NMC staff will also be present to assist new students with the enrollment and application process for the upcoming Spring 2011 semester. The workshop

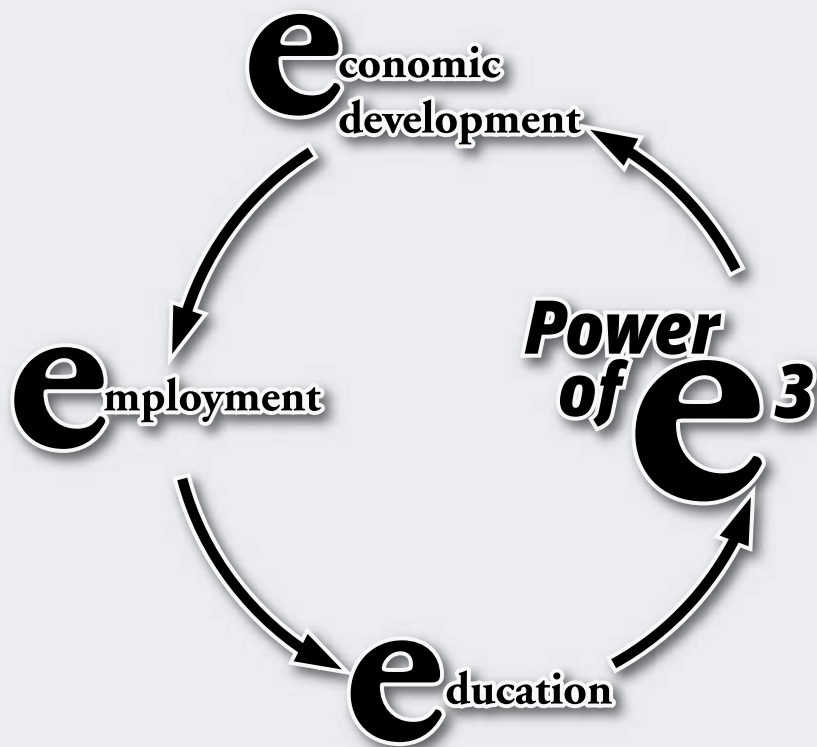
will also give participants the opportunity to receive application fee and placement test fee waivers for the Spring 2011 semester—a savings of up to \$75.

The free workshop will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, in Room B at the NMC Tinian Instructional Site. Participants can stop by at anytime between 9am and 12pm.

Participants are highly encouraged to bring a valid identification card, tax forms, proof of residency for 2008 and 2009, a proof of continuing residency, and an official high school transcript.

For more information, contact the offices of the NMC Tinian Instructional Site at 433-0649/0657. (NMC)

NOTICE TO CNMI VETERANS



WIA in partnership with the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office and the Guam Department of Labor Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) will be conducting outreach activities to all CNMI veterans as follows.

Presenters: Jackie Nyugen, DVOP Coordinator, Guam Department of labor
Dr. Edward L. Santos, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Schedules:

Rota: November 29-30, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Venue: WIA Rota Office (please contact WIA Rota Office at 532-1701 to reserve for either session)

Saipan (please contact WIA at 664-1708 / 1757 / 1705 / 1707 to register for either session)

December 01, 2010, WIA Office

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1st session
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 2nd session

December 02, 2010, WIA Office

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon 1st session
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 2nd session

Tinian: December 3, 2010 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Venue: NMC Tinian Campus

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Congratulations to Marione Elesse DLC Corpus for garnering first place in the Dramatic Interpretation Category (3rd Division) at the PGFC Competition held last Nov. 20, 2010, at the Chacha Oceanview Junior High School. Our parents, coaches, teachers, school administrators, and classmates at the Golden Harvest International School are very proud of you.

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



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Happy birthday to our loving brother, Jerome Kaipat Aldan! May the Lord bless you always and forever and may you have many more to come. Greetings come from Jenny, Joylina, and Jocelyn.



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Happy birthday to our Daddy Jerome Kaipat Aldan, and many more to come. We love you always. Greetings come from Z-Boy, Zasha, Zavannah, and your most loving baby girl, Zodeanna.

Happy 1st birthday to our baby gaga dancing queen, Marlaina Kenzie "Bodig" Igitol Benjamin! May your day be filled with all the love, laughter, and joy. Though we may not know what your wish is, tonight you will finally see the soldier you've been skyping with for quite sometime now...Daddy! Prepare to be smothered with extra hugs and kisses today from all those who love you. Enjoy your special day and may all your wishes come true! With all our love, your entire familia.

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Happy 1st Hawaiian birthday to Mary Audrey! With much love from Papa, Mama, Kuya, Tito, Tita and Lolo.

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Business

Health plans must spend premiums on medical care

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced yesterday new regulations implementing critical provisions of the health reform law that protect consumers.

These "medical loss ratio" provisions require large-scale health insurers to spend 80 to 85 percent of consumers' premiums on direct care for patients and efforts to improve care quality. If they don't, the insurance companies will be required to provide a rebate to their customers starting in 2012.

The regulations also provide more transparency, requiring insurance companies for the first time to publicly report how they

spend premium dollars.

"The HHS announcement today comes as many families are struggling to keep their health care costs down," said U.S. Rep. Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (I-MP).

"While it won't make a difference for everyone, it will insure that large insurance companies look out for each of us by making them accountable for what they spend money on and requiring them to refund consumers some of their hard-earned money if they can't account for that money."



Sablan

Many insurance companies currently spend a substantial portion of consumers' premium dollars on administrative costs and profits, including executive salaries, overhead, and marketing. Currently, over 20 percent of consumers are in plans that spend more than 30 cents of every premium dollar on administrative costs; and an additional 25 percent of consumers are in plans that spend between 25 and 30 cents of every premium dollar on administrative costs.

Under the new protections

announced yesterday, many Americans will begin getting better value for their premium dollar. The implementation of these new consumer protections will begin on Jan. 1, 2011—with rebates beginning in 2012.

These important consumer protections are another example of how health reform is helping Americans even before full implementation of the law in 2014. Millions of Americans, including those in the Northern Mariana Islands, are now receiving the benefits of the Patient's Bill of Rights, which went into effect for plan years beginning on or after Sept. 23, 2010. Among its

many provisions, the Patient's Bill of Rights:

- Prohibits insurers from dropping people when they get sick.

- Requires insurers to allow parents to keep their young adult children up to age 26 on their health plan as their children work to launch their careers.

- Bans insurers from putting lifetime limits on coverage.

- Bans insurers from denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions; and

- Requires insurers to cover key preventive services, such as mammograms and immunizations, without deductibles or co-payments.

"Today's announcement is another step forward in implementing health reform and putting Americans, not the insurance companies, back in charge of their health care," said Sablan.

The new regulation only affect insurance plans that enroll more than 1,000 people. Allowances can be made by the Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius if the provision would negatively affect the solvency of the health insurance market. States and territories can apply for a case-by-case modification of this provision with HHS. (PR)

TSA chief warns against boycott of airport scans

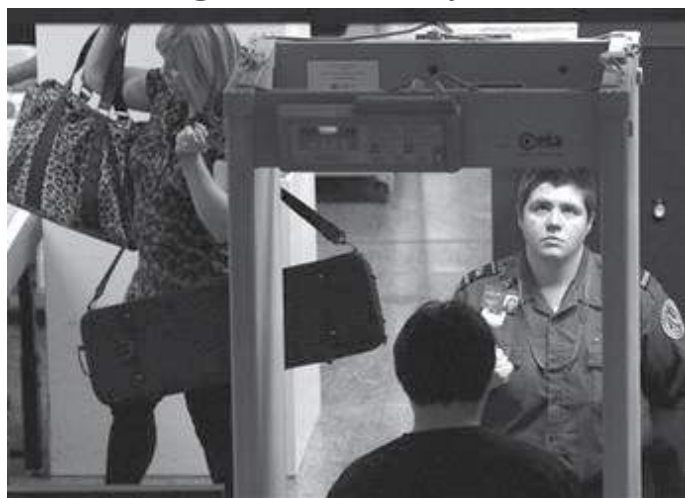
ATLANTA (AP)—The nation's airport security chief urged travelers not to boycott full-body scans on Wednesday—one of the busiest flying days of the year—as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches with some Americans in a foul and rebellious mood.

Transportation Security Administration chief John Pistole said Monday that such delaying actions would only "tie up people who want to go home and see their loved ones."

"We all wish we lived in a world where security procedures at airports weren't necessary," he said, "but that just isn't the case."

He noted the alleged attempt by a Nigerian with explosives in his underwear to bring down a plane over Detroit last Christmas.

There was little if any indication of a revolt Monday as passenger screening appeared to go smoothly at many major U.S. airports, with very few people declining the X-ray scan that can peer through their clothes. Those who refuse are subject to a pat-down search that includes the crotch and chest.



AP
A TSA officer looks on as a passenger holds up his arms while going through a full-body scan at a security check-point Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle.

Many travelers said that the scans and the pat-down were not much of an inconvenience, and that the stepped-up measures made them feel safer and were, in any case, unavoidable.

"Whatever keeps the country safe, I just don't have a problem with," Leah Martin, 50, of Houston, said as she waited to go through security at the Atlanta airport.

At Chicago's O'Hare Airport,

Gehno Sanchez, a 38-year-old from San Francisco who works in marketing, said he doesn't mind the full-body scans. "I mean, they may make you feel like a criminal for a minute, but I'd rather do that than someone touching me," he said.

A loosely organized Internet campaign is urging people to refuse the scans on Wednesday in what is being called National Opt-Out Day. The extra time

needed to pat down people could cause a cascade of delays at dozens of major airports, including those in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta.

"Just one or two recalcitrant passengers at an airport is all it takes to cause huge delays," said Paul Ruden, a spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents, which has warned its more than 8,000 members about delays. "It doesn't take much to mess things up anyway."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Netflix expects video streaming to drown out DVDs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Netflix is preparing for the day when getting DVDs by mail is as old-fashioned as going to the video store. It's hoping to wean people from DVDs with a cheap plan that offers movies and old TV episodes exclusively through online streaming. It will cost \$8 per month, matching a recent price cut by rival Hulu. So should you get rid of your DVD player? Maybe not yet. But it might be a good time to make sure your television can connect to the Internet. Most analysts expect the streaming-only plan to appeal to younger subscribers, especially those who have signed up for Netflix in the past couple years as the service became available

through video game consoles.

Delta may consider refunds over screening issue

DALLAS (AP)—Delta Air Lines says it will consider refunds in rare case-by-case scenarios for passengers who cancel travel plans because of new airport security measures. Some passengers have complained loudly about the Transportation Security Administration's new screening procedures, which can include intimate pat-downs of passengers who bypass scanners that produce a virtually naked image of the body. Delta spokeswoman Susan Elliott said Monday that her airline is issuing refunds on a case-by-case basis for customers worried about the new screening steps. The move,

however, does not constitute a new refund policy at the airline.

NHTSA reviews claim of Honda acceleration

DETROIT (AP)—The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration will decide whether to open a full-fledged investigation into possible acceleration problems with the Honda Accord gas-electric hybrid, according to documents posted on the federal agency's website Monday. A woman, who was not identified, filed a complaint seeking an investigation and recall of the 2005 Accord Hybrid after a crash in July 2005 that left her injured and a passenger dead. Several people in other cars were injured, the documents said. About 25,000 vehicles would be affected by an investigation, NHTSA said.

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The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Pole Mounted Transformers for the CUC Power Division in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The bid package may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-006, Supply & Delivery of Pole Mounted Transformers", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **December 3, 2010 at 10:00 AM. (CHST)** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or supply under the contract.

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Bidders will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 PM (CHST) local time on **November 26, 2010** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. John Onedera, Power Division Engineer- johno@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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ACROSS THE NATION

Slain Fla. woman was seeking owed child support

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—A woman found dead in her home along with her three young children had been in court four days earlier seeking child support from her slain 6-year-old twins' father, who has a lengthy criminal record, court records show. A judge last Tuesday signed a final order requiring Antonio L. Anthony to pay \$307 per month plus retroactive child support of \$22,925 to 27-year-old Brandi Peters. Peters was found dead Saturday along with twins Tamiyah and Taniyah Peters and her 3-year-old son, Joyante Segura, at their Tallahassee home just a few miles from the Florida Capitol. No one has been charged and police say all four deaths are considered homicides.

Man in past jogger attacks guilty of Levy slaying

WASHINGTON (AP)—A man imprisoned for attacking two female joggers was found guilty Monday of murdering Washington intern Chandra Levy, wrapping up a murder mystery that took down a congressman and captured the nation's at-

tention a decade ago. Ingmar Guandique was convicted of first-degree murder for attacking Levy while she exercised in Washington's Rock Creek Park in May 2001. Her disappearance made headlines when she was romantically linked to then-Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif. Condit was once a suspect, but police no longer believe he was involved in her disappearance.

Woman who told Obama she was 'exhausted' loses job

WASHINGTON (AP)—The woman who told President Barack Obama that she was "exhausted" from defending him and his economic policies and waiting for the change she expected after voting for him has another reason to be put out: She's lost her job. Velma Hart, the chief financial officer for Am Vets, a veteran services organization based in Maryland, said Monday in an interview with CNBC that she was laid off as part of the nonprofit's effort to cut expenses.

Police eye death of boy who fell at Staples Center

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The family of a 2-year-old boy was

posing for pictures in a luxury suite high inside Staples Center when he managed to scale a clear safety barrier and fell more than 20 feet to his death, police said on Monday. Lucas Anthony Tang suffered head injuries Sunday when he landed on rows of seats minutes after the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Golden State Warriors 117-89, police said. The boy later died at a hospital.

Army reviews leadership in Afghan civilian deaths

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Wash. (AP)—The Army has appointed a brigadier general to conduct a top-to-bottom review of the Washington-state based 5th Stryker Brigade, after some of its members were charged this year with rampant drug use, mutilating corpses and slaughtering Afghan civilians for kicks. Maj. Kathleen Turner, a spokeswoman at Joint Base Lewis-McChord south of Seattle, confirmed the investigation Monday. Five soldiers are charged with murder and conspiracy in the deaths of three civilians during patrols this year. Seven more face charges including drug use and beating an informant in a drug investigation.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BID CUC-IFB-11-008

Cross Island Road Improvements, Phase II-A, Power Poles & Lines Relocation, Papago, Saipan

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the relocation of overhead power distribution systems along Cross Island Road in Papago, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The bid package may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting followed by a site visit, is scheduled for November 29, 2010 at 10:00 AM, local time, at the CUC Conference Room in the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, to ensure that the contractors are fully aware of the work involved and familiarize with the site conditions. All bidder are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidder due to lack of information or understanding of the project site conditions in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid or performance of work under the contract.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-008, Cross Island Road Improvements, Phase II-A, Power Poles & Lines Relocation, Papago, Saipan", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than December 09, 2010 at 10:00 AM, (CHST) at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of 15 percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

The bidder is required to submit a copy of his CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page - <http://www.dol.gov/esa/minwage/cnmi/cnmi.htm>.

The IFB does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the bid under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Bidders will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on December 3, 2010 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - msablan@cucgov.net with a copy to Mr. John Onedera, Power Division Engineer- johno@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Mika Muna, Admin. Support Assistant, Procurement & Supply - mika_muna@cucgov.net.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CUC-RFP-11-009

Loan Servicing and Customer Account Financing

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide loan servicing and customer account financing for Saipan, Tinian and Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Scope-of-Work may be picked-up at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-009, Loan Servicing and Customer Account Financing" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM, (CHST) local time on **December 21, 2010**. Late submission will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST) local time on December 14, 2010 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email charles_warren@cucgov.net and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the sol

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INVITATION TO BID

ITB11-GOV-012

**Susupe Multipurpose Center & Division of Youth Services
Juvenile Correction Facility Air Conditioning Replacement Project**

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Capital Improvement Program Office, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference/site visit for this project on November 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 26, 2010 to Mr. Stanley Good, Project Manager at staniv@pticom.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB11-GOV-012"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred eighty (180) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred eighty (180) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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INVITATION TO BID

ITB11-GOV-013

Tinian Health Center Medical Equipment

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Tinian, TinianHealth Center, Medical Equipment, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 26, 2010 to Mr. Stanley Good, Project Manager at staniv@pticom.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB11-GOV-013"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 11:00 a.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 1:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid bond of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. This security may be a Certified Check, Cashier's Check or Bid Bond. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". Surety companies must hold a certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the CNMI Attorney General.

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section 3-301. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price. The surety company providing the Performance and Payment bonds must possess a certificate of authority to conduct business in the CNMI and certification that the value or its unencumbered assets (exclusive or all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the amount or each bond. Performance time for completion of this project is one hundred twenty (120) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by one hundred twenty (120) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

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/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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INVITATION TO BID

ITB11-GOV-015

Tinian Health Center Dental Equipment

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, are soliciting sealed bids for the Municipality of Tinian, TinianHealth Center, Medical Equipment, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands:

The project package will be available Tuesday, November 10, 2010 at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 26, 2010 to Mr. Stanley Good, Project Manager at staniv@pticom.com or Ms. Nerissa Benavente, Project Coordinator, Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked **"ITB11-GOV-015"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time, December 9, 2010. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 9, 2010, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 9, 2010 and must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. December 21, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 p.m. Saipan local time December 22, 2010. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 2:30 p.m. Saipan local time, on December 9, 2010.

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/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Lieutenant Governor
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

ARCHITECTURAL & ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES VARIOUS REPAIRS at NORTHERN MARIANAS COLLEGE (NMC), SAIPAN

RFP11-GOV-018

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lieutenant Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Capital Improvement Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed Proposals from qualified Consultants to provide A/E Design for the NMC Various Repairs located at the As Terlaje Saipan Campus, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The complete Scope of Work for the A/E services required will be available on Tuesday, November 24, 2010, at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the Governor's Conference Room, Capitol Hill on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. Questions regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. James R. Stump, CIP Contracting Officer, or faxed to (670) 664-2408, no later than 4 p.m., ChST December 7, 2010.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and a Schedule of Completion, addressing the Scope of Work requirements with details of how the work will be performed and accomplished by the consultants, with the names of the responsible persons identified. Proposers shall also submit a statement of qualifications with resumes and experience for the responsible persons. The total proposal length shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages in length. Note that a firm which submits a proposal as a prime consultant, cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, the consultant may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required timeframe (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)

Performance time for completion of the A/E design is One Hundred Sixty (160) calendar days upon issuance of a Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages will be assessed at Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (US\$250.00) for each and every working day beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"RFP11-GOV-018, A/E Design for the various repairs at Northern Mariana College, Saipan"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST December 27, 2010. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST December 27, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than December 27, 2010, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than January 3, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/Eloy S. Inos, Lt. Governor, CNMI

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

Asia

Cambodia stampede kills 345

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Thousands of people stampeded during a festival in the Cambodian capital, leaving at least 345 dead and hundreds injured in what the prime minister called the country's biggest tragedy since the 1970s reign of terror by the Khmer Rouge.

Some in the panicky crowd—who were celebrating the end of the rainy season on an island in a river—tried to flee over a bridge and were crushed underfoot or fell over its sides into the water. A witness who arrived shortly after the stampede Monday night described “bodies stacked on bodies” on the bridge as rescuers swarmed the area.

Ambulances raced back and forth between the river and the hospitals for several hours after the stampede. Calmette Hospital, the capital's main medical facility, was filled to capacity with bodies as well as patients, some of whom had to be treated in hallways. Many of the injured appeared to be badly hurt, raising the pros-



pect that the death toll could rise as local hospitals became overwhelmed.

Hours after the chaos, the dead and injured were still being taken away from the scene, while searchers looked for bodies of anyone who might have drowned. An Associated Press reporter saw one body floating in the river, and hundreds of shoes left behind on and around the bridge.

Prime Minister Hun Sen, speaking Tuesday morning, said that 345 people had been killed and more than 320 injured.

“This is the biggest tragedy

we have experienced in the last 31 years, since the collapse of the Khmer Rouge regime,” he said, referring to the ultra-communist movement whose radical policies are blamed for the deaths of 1.7 million people during the 1970s.

He ordered an investigation into the cause of the stampede and declared Thursday would be a national day of mourning. Government ministries were ordered to fly the flag at half-staff. He said that the government would pay the families of each dead victim 5 million riel (\$1,250) for funeral expenses and provide 1 million riel (\$250) for each injured person.

Authorities had estimated that upward of 2 million people would descend on Phnom Penh for the three-day water festival, the Bon Om Touk, which marks the end of the rainy season and whose main attraction is traditional boat races along the river. In this year's event, 420 of the long, sleek boats competed, with crews of up to 80 racers each.

PH woman insists father died in massacre

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A year after 57 people were killed in the Philippines' worst political massacre, journalist Reynaldo Momay's daughter still has no body to prove her father was the 58th victim. Her evidence is both scant and horrifying: his denture dug from a mass grave.

The remains were recovered on a grassy hilltop near the main highway in southern Maguindanao province on Nov. 23, 2009. But the body of Momay, 61, a photographer for a small-town newspaper, is still missing, leaving Reynafe Momay-Castillo unable to prove that he

too was slain.

The massacre was the worst atrocity in recent Philippine history: A local warlord and town mayor, Andal Ampatuan Jr., the scion of a powerful clan in the impoverished, insurgency-racked province, is accused of leading an ambush on an election convoy and ordering about 200 gunmen to mow down the family and supporters of a political rival—almost all of them women.

Among the dead were at least 32 media workers and their staff, making it the worst single killing of journalists anywhere

in the world.

It exposed the abuse of authority and unchecked violence that is part of Philippine politics. Political clans in some regions overshadow the weak central government and perpetuate their hold on power for generations, often ruthlessly eliminating rivals with the help of private armies.

Ampatuan Jr., the prime suspect in the massacre, surrendered days later, hoping for a lenient treatment in the hands of his political ally, then-President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. He has pleaded not guilty.

ASIAN BRIEFS

US teen protests in Beijing for NKorea peace park

BEIJING (AP)—A 13-year-old American boy campaigning to turn the demilitarized zone between North and South Korea into a peace park tried to get the Chinese president's attention Monday, staging a brief protest near Tiananmen Square before being led away by police. Jonathan Lee unfurled a sign saying “peace treaty” and “nuclear free DMZ children's peace forest” as he stood outside Tiananmen Gate just north of the square in central Beijing. Less than a minute after Lee began his demonstration, a man presumed to be a plainclothes police officer grabbed the boy's sign and waved away watching journalists. Three or four uniformed police officers then hurriedly escorted Lee and his mother away without commotion.

Afghan fighting kills more than 30 insurgents

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Bombs and gunbattles across Afghanistan killed more than 30 insurgents, five civilians and two NATO coalition service members, officials said Monday, a round of violence that shows the challenges facing international forces seeking to handover security duties to their local counterparts. Two children were among four civilians killed Monday in eastern Paktia province when a bomb ripped through the tractor they were riding on.

Myanmar democracy leader Suu Kyi's son given visa

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi will be allowed to see her son for the

first time in 10 years after the country's ruling junta granted him a visa, her lawyer said Monday. Kim Aris, 33, lives in Britain and has repeatedly been denied visas since his last visit in December 2000.

NZ premier says hope fading for 29 trapped miners

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—New Zealand's prime minister says that hope is fading for 29 coal miners missing for four days underground after an explosion. John Key says that police are now planning for the possible loss of life following the massive blast in the mine that is now swirling with toxic gases. Key told Parliament Tuesday that it is still too dangerous to enter the mine to find what has happened to the men.

World

Mexico migrants should form convoys for safe travel home

MEXICO CITY (AP)—Mexico's government is telling migrants driving home for the holidays from the United States that they should form convoys for their own safety while traveling through Mexico, and an official said Monday that police will accompany convoys on the most dangerous stretches of highway.

A seemingly intractable wave of drug cartel violence has made some border highways, especially in the states of Tamaulipas, Sonora and Sinaloa, so dangerous that the U.S. State Department urges travelers to avoid driving on some of the roads.

“When there are hot spots, we can request that a patrol escort the convoy,” said It-

zel Ortiz, the director of the Paisano Program, which is in charge of welcoming returning migrants and ensuring their trips home are safe.

Demands for bribes by police and officials at Mexican customs checkpoints used to be the worst problems for returning migrants, who often bring cash, new vehicles and appliances with them.

But that seems almost innocuous compared to the challenges posed by drug cartel gunmen, who frequently set up roadblocks on northern highways to steal vehicles and cash, kidnap or kill travelers.

Ortiz noted that those returning home have already reported “extortion attempts by members of drug cartels” and

she confirmed that a family of returning migrants had been attacked on a highway in Sinaloa last week.

She did not give details, but local media reported that gunmen followed the family's vehicle and sprayed it with bullets, wounding a girl. Sinaloa prosecutors were not immediately available to confirm those reports.

Ortiz said the idea for the convoys began last year, when relatives of migrants returning from Las Vegas, Nevada, to the central state of Guanajuato approached the program to ask if a caravan could be organized.

“This year we are recommending it more because of some families' concerns about safety,” she said.

Israeli archaeologists uncover Roman pool



A worker of the Israel Antiquities Authority works at an excavation site in Jerusalem's Old City, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010.

JERUSALEM (AP)—While excavating the site for a planned new ritual bath for Jews in Jerusalem, Israeli archaeologists uncovered a pool belonging to the Roman legion that sacked the city nearly 2,000 years ago.

The discovery announced Monday sheds a rare light on the city the Romans built after destroying the second Jewish Temple in 70 A.D. and expelling the Jews from Jerusalem following their revolt.

Ofir Sion, the director of the excavation in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem's Old City, said the site helps prove that the Roman city was larger than previously thought.

“It is very important because in all the excavations in the Jewish quarter (we have) never found a building from the 2nd and 3rd century,” he said Monday.

History-rich Jerusalem is

one of the most excavated cities in the world, and archaeologists are routinely deployed to examine sites ahead of any planned construction projects.

The archaeologists found steps leading to the pool's white mosaic floor and hundreds of terra cotta roof tiles stamped with the name of the Roman unit—the famed Tenth Legion—that built the pool. Sion suggested the site was part of a larger complex where thousands of soldiers once bathed.

After the city was sacked and the Jewish kingdom overthrown, the Romans founded the city of Aelia Capitolina as capital of the new province of Syria-Palestina.

Later, when the Jordanians ruled in Jerusalem's Old City from 1948-1967, a sewing factory was built on the same site, Sion said.

When the archaeologists complete their dig, the Jerusalem city council will continue their plans to build a mikveh, a Jewish ritual bath, Israeli authorities said. Some religious Jews routinely use the bath for ritual purification.

Israel's Antiquities Authority said that the remains of the ancient Roman bathhouse would be integrated into the design of the new ritual bath.

Archaeology and politics often go hand in hand in Jerusalem, and especially in areas surrounding the Old City and its many layers of history that are enmeshed in a web of competing claims.

Rafi Greenberg, an archaeologist from Tel Aviv University, said Israeli authorities often focus on findings from Jerusalem's Jewish past at the expense of historical remnants from other eras.

Campus Life

Pohnpei's Peterson Anson wins Australian scholarship

Peterson Anson of Pohnpei has been selected as a high performer and will be offered a prestigious Australian Leadership Award scholarship, according to Australian Ambassador Susan Cox yesterday.

Anson currently works as a geographic information systems specialist at the Pohnpei Department of Land and Natural Resources, where he has worked since 2006.

Australian Leadership Award scholarships are implemented by the Australian Agency for International Development, as part of the Australia Awards initiative. The ALA program aims to develop leadership and build partnerships and enduring links between developing countries and Australia.

"Peterson has been identified for his potential to assume leadership roles that can influence social and economic policy reform and development outcomes in the FSM and the region on his return home," said Cox.

Anson is one of 205 ALA Scholarships awardees in 2011 from a total of 32 countries.

"These scholars can be justifi-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Australian Ambassador Susan Cox congratulates Peterson Anson of Pohnpei on his selection for the Australian Leadership Award for 2010.

ably proud of winning a prestigious award that will equip them to serve as future leaders of their field in their country and region, and I congratulate Peterson on his selection," said Cox.

Anson will undertake post-graduate studies at the University of New England, New South Wales, Australia and take courses for a Master of Geographic Information Science degree. He will also participate in a tailored leadership development program during the course of his studies to strengthen his

leadership skills, establish regional networks and enhance his understanding of regional development challenges.

In his application Peterson said "I plan to focus on how small tropical island countries can benefit best from their limited natural resources. This will involve identifying what resources are economically viable and also sustainable."

Further information about Australia Awards can be found at www.australiaawards.gov.au. (PR)

GCA'S PGFC WINNERS

The following Grace Christian Academy students successfully made it to the Primary Grade Forensic League competition held at Chacha Ocean View Junior High School on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010. Along with their dedicated teachers, coaches, parents and volunteers, the school recognizes their excellent performances.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Students of the Grace Christian Academy have their picture taken after participating in the Primary Grade Forensic League competition at Chacha Ocean View Junior High School on Saturday, Nov. 20, 2010.

K:2 Division
Dramatic Interpretation B
Juruel Magtalas: 2nd Place

Impromptu Speaking A
Clerisse Dacumos: 1st Place
Mayumi Tanaka - 3rd Place
Alex Christian Achas - 5th Place

Impromptu Speaking B
Joshua Pajarillaga: 1st Place
Amaris Birmingham: 4th Place
Luis Jerome Gaspar: 5th Place

Readers Forum Masters A
Matthew Gabriel Ernest: 1st Place

Readers Forum A
Miku Kimura: 1st Place
Andrei Yue: 3rd Place

Readers Forum B
Anna Nunez: 5th Place

3:5 Division
Choral Speaking A
Joshua Abragan: 3rd Place
Justine Calayo: 3rd Place
Marcelo Masilungan Jr.: 3rd Place
Seung Jae Kim: 3rd Place
Steven Ha: 3rd Place

Duo Interpretation B
SheriJean Dela Cruz: 4th Place
Jasmine Phan: 4th Place

Dramatic Interpretation A
Alfie Madlambayan: 5th Place

Dramatic Interpretation B
Yasmin Angela Marcelo: 1st Place

Humorous Interpretation A
Audrey Yue: 4th Place

Humorous Interpretation B
Alfie Madlambayan: 1st Place
Robert Hanrey Schorr: 3rd Place
Clark Birmingham: 4th Place

Readers Forum Masters C
SheriJean Dela Cruz: 1st Place
Yasmin Angela Marcelo: 2nd Place
Seung Jae Kim: 3rd Place

Readers Forum Masters D
Robert Hanrey Schorr: 3rd Place

Readers Forum A
Miku Matsumura: 1st Place
Jim Michael Ham: 3rd Place

Reader's Forum D
Yuki Anna Dela Cruz: 1st Place

Esther Kim: 2nd Place

Impromptu Speaking A
Dianne Doris Arnold: 2nd Place
Marcelo Masilungan Jr.: 4th Place

Impromptu Speaking B
Jim Michael Ham: 1st Place
Tae Yong Kim: 2nd Place
Matt Jason Moran: 3rd Place
Arvin Dayao: 5th Place

Teachers/Coaches
Sheryl Edralin: K4
Miriam Dilse: K:5
Leah Garfil: 1st Grade
Judy Kim: 2nd Grade
Josh Zwicker: 3rd Grade
Esther Manzano: 4th Grade
Kelly Dawe: 5th Grade
GCA PGFC Coordinator: Esther Manzano
Vice Principal/Guidance Counselor: Beth Ann Nunez
Principal: Marsha Owens
GCA PGFC Volunteers
Parent judges: Rofelina Madlambayan, Michael Ernest, Mark Birmingham
Student judges: Jimaela Ham, Angela Faith Mamaril, Michael Jang, Adrian Yue, Katrina Punzalan

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In loving memory of

Alejandro C. Tudela

"Ando Pakitu"

We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Nightly Mass will be offered every evening beginning on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Soledad Church in Kagman.

The Mass for Sunday, November 21, 2010 will be at 9:00 a.m. and back to 6:00 p.m. thereafter.

On the last day November 27, 2010 Mass will be offered at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served immediately thereafter.

Your presence, thoughts, and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

From: Wife Ana Tudela & Family

FIRST YEAR DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Loving Memory of,

Edward Briggimann Flores

We, the family, humbly invite all of our relatives and friends to join us in prayers as we commemorate the passing of our dearly beloved unto eternal life.

Daily Mass will be offered every morning beginning on Friday, November 19, 2010 at 6:00 a.m. and Holy Rosary will be said at 7:00 p.m. On Sunday, November 21 and Thursday, November 25, 2010, Mass will be offered at 7:30 a.m. at the San Jose Church, in Oleai.

On the final day Saturday, November 27, 2010 Rosary will be said at 5:30 a.m. followed by Mass at 6:00 a.m. Breakfast will be served immediately thereafter.

Your presence and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase

Ginen I Familia

Life & Style

Dong Bei Trek 7: White Carbon on the Crimson Line

By JAIME VERGARA
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

It was a 16-hour trek through the Manchurian plain, broken in two segments, with a six-hour wait in between. We got familiar with China's rail life in a jiffy.

The 10-hour Shenyang-Harbin section was uneventful. It was a Simon & Garfunkel "a deep and dark December" winter day, except it is still November and the dark sky over Liaoning Province was more from smog—with the geography's liberal burning of coal—than the fog. We had flown over hills resplendent in orange and ashen brown to Yanji earlier, and I was ready to argue against the Shenyangshi's claim that autumn is skipped in this part of the world until a couple of mornings later, in our aborted scaling of Changbaishan range's mythological Baitou caldera, the Lake of Heaven, when we were surprised with an overnight blanket of snow on the ground.

Chugging out of Shenyangbei Sunday morning, there was no sign of a sun, not even a sliver of ray in November. We had not slept well the night before

so we took the time to catch our z-z-z-z-s. This warm-blooded mammalian from the tropics has also picked up the cold virus. We muffle our atching but it still comes out shrill, and our atchooooo are loud, embarrassingly reverberating in the cavernous waiting room of the train station.

By the time we got to Changchun, China's automotive capital (without the blight of Detroit) in the process of a radical makeover (no cosmetic renaissance here; Hu Jintao's government is pouring cement and welding steel on transport infrastructures and other public works, and investments on electric cars), it began to rain. It cleared the air a bit and we got a glimpse of the wind turbines on the hills, kin to the huge steel flowers in Californ

nia and the Pacific Northwest. China is outspending everyone in generating green energy. The largest research company on solar panels just opened in Xi'an, Shaanxi.

Before getting to the ice festival city of Harbin (with its annual monthlong international snow festival mid-January), a dense fog-smog enveloped the countryside so thick that visibility was no more than a meter from one's nose. By the time we got to the Harbin station, sleet and snow had come down.

The station does not encourage transient passengers to hang around. Transients huddled late afternoon in the cold connecting tunnels as the station personnel looked the other way. A little bit challenged on the knee joints, we decided to look for warmer



JAIME R VERGARA

We all live downwind. Siberian chills carry Manchurian carbon like the ones emitted by these three smoke stacks in the outskirts of Heihe all the way to the Marianas. Other photos shows the farm town of Zigang, with its rice granaries on the background waking up to a receding full moon on the western horizon.

accommodations. Across the mammoth parking lot were hotels and we tried one of the \$5 rooms next to the police station. It was warm enough but the knees were not amenable to the Asian squat so we moved next door to the more expensive one (\$7 for four hours) with porcelain seat toilet, hot shower, and Internet access. The affordable

bowl of steaming mushroom/veggie soup was extra! Ironically, a foreigner's delight is the local human's common fare, but the nouveau riche trek their children's glee to McDonald's, Pizza Hut and KFC for fast treats!

We were pointed to the wrong line getting into our train. The VIP line cost an additional buck and a half but it did get us out

in front of the sardine-packed 500 lined up at the other door. Having had the smarts to get a sleeper berth, we aimed for a comfortable overnighter. The cabin's radiator worked well so we did not need three layers of garment insulation. The food cart was well stocked and after peanuts with two cans of Harbin beer, we were ready to call it a night. The lit Harbin bridge across Songhua River glittered like diamond on a crisp wintry night, pleasantly sending us off to slumber.

It seems that the cabin radiator gets turned off while in transit. After midnight, we were in Bai-an not far from the Wudalianchi Geopark. Mother Nature called and our ESL chuckled at the Chinglish sign on the toilet door: "No occupying while stabling." The conductor actually locks the commode when the train is on a stand still and unlocks it again when the train is in motion. The disposal system must not be self-contained, or the security is stringent. I think it is the latter. Happy deer (and other wildlife) on the rail!

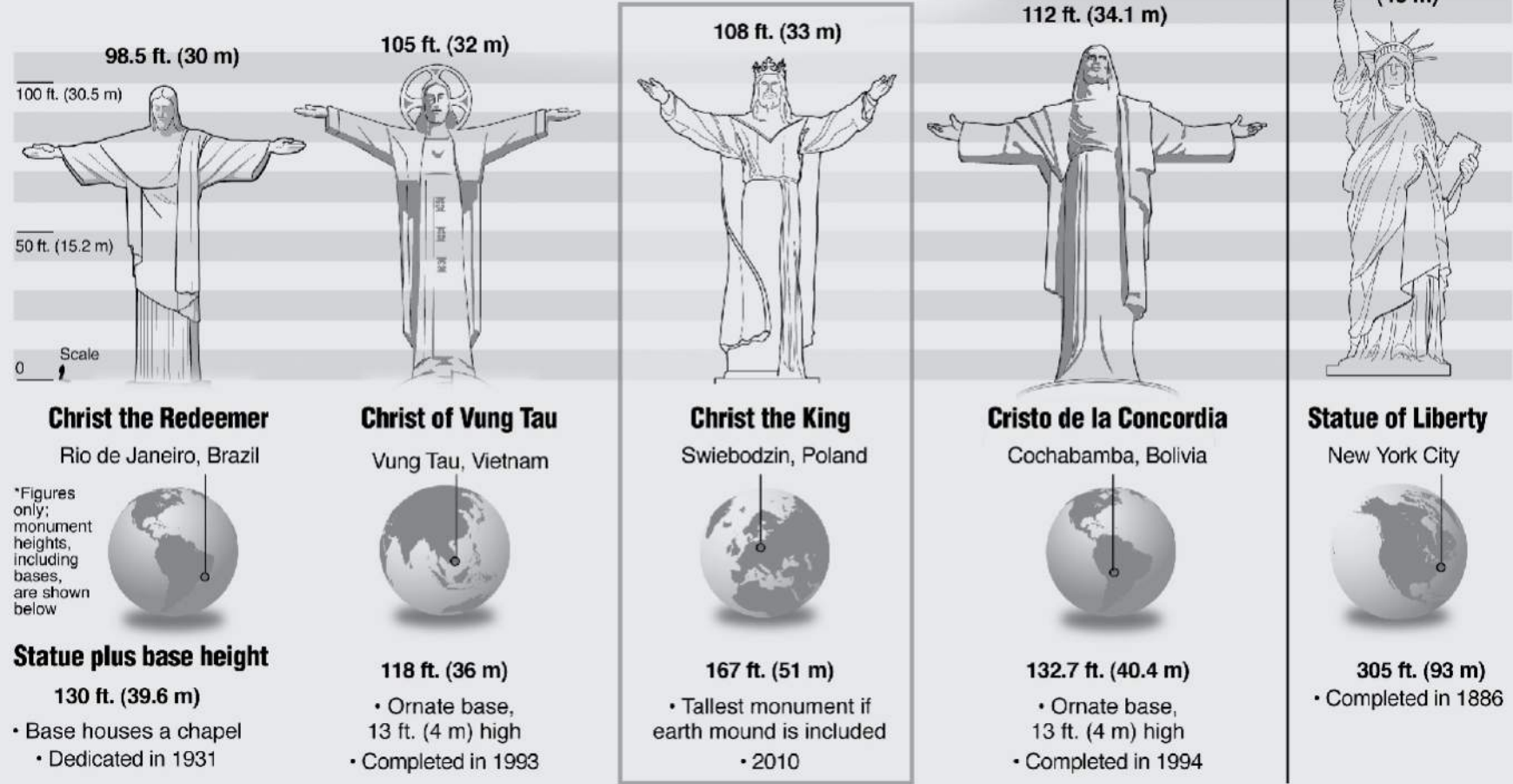
The stop made us don back our second layer against the cold and when we peeked through the drawn curtains, we were pleasantly surprised to see a brightly lit scenario reminiscent of the movie Dr. Zhivago in the fir-studded hills and grassland of Siberia. Come to think of it, we are close to Siberia across the Amur River. The moon was oblong full on clear skies and open expanse of white Christmas. I expected Julie Andrews and the Von Trapp family in skis to come out singing of their favorite things!

We derailed in two farming towns outskirt of Heihe. The single rail line could only accommodate so much traffic and two scheduled runs were late so we had to wait to let them pass. We watched the full moon descend in the west as the sleepy farming towns came alive. Children fully decked out in the latest affordable outdoor sports' outfits (thanks to the world's appetite for cheap Chinese labor and production excess that feeds the domestic market) stream out of homes on their way to school; no school buses here. The gaiety in their voices fill the air as billowing carbon-filled smoke emitted out of home chimneys to quietly ingest toxicity in everyone's lungs. Three coal-fired smoke stacks greeted us before we slid into the spanking brand new train terminal in Heihe.

The farm barns are with aluminum sidings like trailer homes in Iowa, and the grain silos looked like their mirror images along the upper Mississippi river. The world has indeed shrunk and Thomas Friedman is astute, the world is flat again. The one-street sleepy town of Heihe 30 years ago now has Passat VWs and Audis for taxis. I have not wandered very far from home.

Towering Jesus statues

A newly erected statue in Swiebodzin, Poland, is among the world's tallest monuments to Jesus. How some others rank in size*, with U.S. Statue of Liberty shown for comparison:



Grey is perfect in last bid for 'Dancing' votes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jennifer Grey outscored her fellow "Dancing With the Stars" finalists Monday in their last bid for viewer votes, finishing with a perfect score.

The 50-year-old actress earned 60 points out of 60 for her two dances Monday, bringing her into Tuesday's season finale in first place.

Actor Kyle Massey fin-

ished second with 56 points for his two dances, while Bristol Palin collected 52 judges points.

All three will perform two final dances during Tuesday's

season finale. The viewer votes they collect Monday night will count for half of their overall score.

A new "Dancing" champ will be crowned Tuesday.

NYC jeweler sues Courtney Love to get bling back

NEW YORK (AP)—A celebrity jeweler says Courtney Love hasn't returned nearly \$114,000 worth of borrowed baubles, and the gem dealer is suing to get them back.

The rocker borrowed two white gold and diamond chains, a white gold, floral-design mesh bracelet and a pair of white gold and diamond pave hoop earrings on Sept. 21, Jacob & Co. said in a lawsuit filed Monday. The suit says she has returned only the bracelet, despite demands for the other pieces.

She indicated to the jeweler that she'd lost the items, but their agreement specified that she was responsible for them "regardless of loss or damage," said the company's lawyer, Jeffrey Klarsfeld. Love's spokesman and lawyer didn't immediately respond to messages.

The lawsuit seeks the gems or their \$113,700 value.

Love fronted the platinum-selling, grunge-punk band Hole in the 1990s and was half of one of grunge's most famous couples: She is the widow of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain, who killed himself in 1994. Also an actress, she has appeared in films including "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "200 Cigarettes."

Love, 46, has had a series of legal and drug problems. She was sentenced in 2005 to 180 days at a drug treatment facility for violating probation in misdemeanor drug and assault cases.

T.I. says drug problem started with prescriptions

NEW YORK (AP)—T.I. says his drug problem started when he received prescriptions for Oxycontin and hydrocodone after a series of dental surgeries this year.

"After the pain went away, I kept taking it. I had like five, six prescriptions. So, I had, like 80 pills. Everybody else might drink or smoke a blunt; I took a pain pill," the 30-year-old says in an interview win the December issue of Vibe magazine.

T.I. said he is now clean and sober, thanks in part to his September arrest in Los Angeles. Police found ecstasy pills on him, and while the case was eventually dropped, a judge found him in violation of his probation stemming from a 366-day prison stint for trying to buy illegal guns and sentenced him to 11 months in jail.

Prior to going back to jail, the Atlanta rapper attended one-on-

one and group therapy sessions to help kick his addiction to pills and codeine, which he was drinking to get high.

He says he's now learned his lesson.

"If you rationalize putting yourself in harm's way, risking your well-being, your health, your freedom, your family's well-being and livelihood in order to be high, that's the rationale of an addict," he said.



This photo provided by Christie's Images Ltd. shows an 1814 first edition copy of the lyrics and music of the "Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key.

Rare 'Star-Spangled Banner' copy to sell in NYC

NEW YORK (AP)—An 1814 first edition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" is heading for the auction block in New York City. It's estimated to go for \$200,000 to \$300,000 at the sale early next month.

Christie's auction house says it's the only known copy in private hands and one of

only 11 first-edition copies known to exist. The others are in institutions or university libraries. The auction is scheduled for Dec. 3.

Francis Scott Key wrote a first draft of the poem in September 1814 after witnessing the British bombard Baltimore's Fort McHenry during

the War of 1812.

The poem was then set to music and publisher Thomas Carr rushed the song to print, resulting in typos and Key's name being omitted. The first edition also called it "A Patriotic Song." The song wasn't officially recognized as the national anthem until 1931.

Single woman has a knack for dating e-mail exhibitionists

By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am a 38-year-old woman with an outgoing personality. However, when I first meet a man, I move slowly.

If I agree to a date, I meet him at a public place. After a few dates, I'll share my e-mail address so we can communicate more easily. And, Abby, that's when the trouble starts.

Over the past few years, several men have e-mailed me nude photos of themselves after I gave them my contact information. I'm not a prude, but I feel it was disrespectful. I broke up with each of them and deleted their photos from my computer.

Please lend me some advice and insight here. Until then, I'm considering remaining single forever.

SEEN IT ALL IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR SEEN IT ALL: I'm surprised you didn't sign yourself "Seen Too Much." Where are you meeting these creepy individuals? Before the Internet, they used to be called "flashers."

Because this has happened to you more than once in the past few years, it's time to ask yourself if somehow you may have given the impression that you would be receptive to this kind of contact. In other words, think about the signals you may be sending after a few dates.

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DEAR ABBY: With the holidays coming, I know I'll be spending time with my boyfriend's family. Every time I see his father (who is a poor excuse for a dad) he asks when I'm going to give him grandbabies.

This has gone on for five years. I am not even married to his son, and I don't plan on having any children. He makes me feel like I don't deserve his son if I don't have children. (My boyfriend already has a son from a previous relationship.) I have tried to answer him nicely. I have even tried to be rude, but he just doesn't get it!

I would like to know how to respond to him. I certainly do not want it to affect his family's Christmas, but I feel I should stick up for myself. Please help.

WANTS NO BABIES IN NEW YORK

DEAR WANTS NO BABIES: Smile and tell the nervy gentleman he can expect you to give him grandbabies after you start feeling maternal, and when you begin to feel maternal he'll be the first to know. Do not pick a fight with him, and don't spend much time with him. Apparently, your boyfriend got his brains from his mother.

And now, Dear Readers, I am pleased to offer the traditional Thanksgiving Prayer that was penned by my dear mother, Pauline Phillips. No Thanksgiving would be complete for me without it.

Oh, Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.
We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service,
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.
Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

LOVE, ABBY

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby—Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Sheen sues woman in hotel incident for extortion

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Charlie Sheen is striking back at a woman who accused him of abuse in a nationally televised interview, by suing her for extortion. The actor is suing Capri Anderson, who was found locked in the bathroom of his Manhattan hotel suite last month. He filed suit hours after Anderson went on ABC's "Good Morning America" and accused him of using racial slurs and grabbing her by the throat. Sheen's lawsuit claims Anderson threatened to make false allegations about the star unless he paid her \$1 million. The suit says Anderson's allegations are false and calls them a "sensational tale." Sheen's filing pre-empts a lawsuit Anderson said she would file against Sheen for battery and false imprisonment.

Attorney: Wesley Snipes not yet in prison

MIAMI (AP)—The attorney for Wesley Snipes says the actor has not yet surrendered to federal authorities to begin serving a three-year prison sentence for a tax conviction. Attorney Daniel Meachum said

in an e-mail Monday that he's focused on trying to free Snipes rather than a surrender date. Snipes has been free on bail for two years while appealing his 2008 conviction for willful failure to file income tax returns. A Florida federal judge last week ordered Snipes to begin serving his prison sentence but did not set a surrender date. The 48-year-old Snipes starred in the "Blade" trilogy, "White Men Can't Jump" and other films. He has recently been in Atlanta working on a new movie called "Master Daddy."

Keith Urban announces 2011 'Get Closer' tour

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Keith Urban is trying to make his fans and his family happy this summer. The multi-platinum country star is hitting the road June 16 on a 44-city arena tour in the U.S. with a schedule that gives him time to be with his wife, actress Nicole Kidman, and their 2-year-old daughter, Sunday Rose. "The thing is with balance, it's never achieved. It's just maintained," Urban said of his family and career demands. "It's maintained based on Nic's and my ability to stay present and make the adjustments as we go."

Urban told The Associated Press that he purposely structures a tour so he's not gone for months at a time. He plays for two or three nights, goes home for a few days, then heads back out again. Urban said the short breaks make his shows better, too, because he really wants to be there.

Mel Gibson returns to court for custody fight

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mel Gibson returned to court Monday to resume a custody fight with his ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva, but neither side tipped their hand about how the proceedings went. The pair attended a daylong hearing that was closed to the public. Neither Gibson nor Grigorieva spoke to reporters afterward, and their attorneys declined comment. The former couple have been locked for months in a bitter fight over money and custody of their 1-year-old daughter. By law, the proceedings are sealed, leaving court watchers to catch glimpses of the Academy Award-winner and Russian musician as they walk to and from the courtroom. The custody hearing is scheduled to reconvene Dec. 15.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

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By Jim Davis



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By Bryan Basset The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Bill
4 Singer Vikki
8 Prayer ending
12 "Hail!"
13 Hedge-podge
14 Cougar
15 Meadow
16 High-ranking
18 Bread tidbit
20 Fond du —, Wisc.
21 Actress Jessica
24 Dissolves
28 They're nothing trivial
32 Ms. Brockovich
33 Second person
34 Urban disturbances
36 Alias abbr.
37 Greek vowels
39 Inspirational motto
41 Apia's country

43 Met melody
44 Winter ailment
46 Travelocity mascot
50 Boss
55 Edge
56 Sad
57 Appointment
58 Tackle the slopes
59 Related (to)
60 Cold War initials
61 "— the fields we go"

DOWN

1 Body powder
2 Confirm
3 Suitor
4 Shoe-maker's dessert?
5 Foreman foe
6 Tractor-trailer
7 "That's how I —"
8 — Junction, Ariz.
9 Make faces for the camera
10 Ostrich's cousin
11 Scot's denial
17 Dine
19 Crazy
22 Enticement
23 Island greeting
25 Bedouin
26 Easily edited website
27 Catch suddenly
28 Tournament situations
29 Tittle
30 Agana's island
31 Use a teaspoon
35 Suppressed laugh
38 Mitigate
40 Neb. neighbor
42 Pub order
45 Pakistan's language
47 Approximately
48 Karaoke need
49 Eastern potentate
50 Biz deg.
51 Sort
52 — generis
53 — relief
54 "Monty Python" opener

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11/24

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Sarah Hyland, 20; Katherine Heigl, 32; Colin Hanks, 33; Pete Best, 69

Happy Birthday: Careful consideration must be taken when signing contracts or taking care of legal or financial matters. Don't let your emotions interfere with an important decision that can affect you for years to come. Accept help from a legitimate source. Having a trusted ally will ensure you remain objective. Your numbers are 6, 11, 20, 22, 26, 33, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An added burden will cause you to rethink your plans. A financial gain is possible if you make a move that will lower your overhead. A love relationship will be strained if you cannot agree. Lay your plans out plainly. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't be afraid to present your case or to be imaginative and innovative. A money matter or settlement is likely to take an unexpected turn. Counting on a promise will lead to worry, stress and loss. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can't allow someone to push you in a direction that doesn't feel right. Love is in the stars and a little romance late in the evening will restore the confidence you lost during the day and help you reconfigure your approach to obtaining your goals. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will be hard to control. Make sure you think before you speak. Stick to whatever task you have planned for the day without complaining. Apply for a new position or consider

something you might not normally do. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The less you reveal to others about what you are doing or thinking, the further ahead you will get. Someone is likely to pull out or decline an offer you have made. Don't let this deter you from moving ahead. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Helping people who can offer favors in return is your best bet. Troubles at home could cost you. Avoid any settlements or legal or financial matters with the potential to stunt your personal growth potential. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take on a challenge or take part in an activity that utilizes your quick mind and competitive attitude. Emotions will be close to the surface and it won't take much to start an argument or be drawn into one. Travel plans are not likely to run smoothly. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may question your past decisions, but looking back or having regrets doesn't bring you any closer to reaching your current goals. Making a couple of changes will bring what you are trying to do into the forefront for all to see. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will find it much easier to deal with the people in your life if you maintain comfortable surroundings and compatibility between yourself and the ones you love. Aggressive behavior will work against you. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Dealing with emotional issues that entail added responsibilities may not be your

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choice but you need to do so if you are going to be treated fairly. Make it clear that, although you are willing to do your share, you expect help. Take a position and stick to it. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Dealing with children or people requiring your assistance will be emotional. Say what's on your mind, ensuring that whoever you are dealing with understands what you are willing to do. Enhance a romantic relationship with a commitment. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Speak up and don't be afraid to deal with people who oppose you. Your strength will come from handling those who are trying to make you look inadequate. Stand up for your rights, beliefs and ideas and you will gain respect and help. *****

Birthday Baby: You are a take-charge person, willing to listen but ready to respond aggressively and quickly. You are charming, clever and articulate.

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WONDERWORD By DAVID OUELLET

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Clippers sting Hornets for second victory



LOS ANGELES (AP)—Eric Gordon scored 27 points, including a pair of clinching free throws with 4.7 seconds left, and Blake Griffin added 24 points and 13 rebounds to help the Los Angeles Clippers beat the New Orleans Hornets 99-95 on Monday night.

Griffin, who had a breakout game on Saturday night with 44 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists in a 124-115 loss to the New York Knicks, recorded his eighth double-double.

The Clippers (2-13) ended a nine-game losing streak with their first victory in their last 15 meetings with New Orleans since Jan. 8, 2007 at Oklahoma City, where the Hornets relocated temporarily after the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Center Chris Kaman missed his seventh straight game because of a sprained left ankle. Point guard Baron Davis, who began his NBA career with the Hornets, sat out for the 11th time in 12 games because of a swollen left knee.

Griffin's Achilles heel this season has been his free throw shooting. The first overall pick in the 2009 draft missed eight of 14, lowering his percentage to 54.9.

David West had 30 points and 10 rebounds for New Orleans, but missed an out-of-control layup in the final seconds before the Hornets lost possession out of bounds. Gordon then made his critical free throws to seal it. Hornets point guard Chris Paul finished with 14 points and six assists.

For the first time this season, the Hornets trailed after three quarters—albeit only 77-73. The Clippers maintained the lead until West hit a fade-away 18-footer to put New Orleans ahead 86-85 with 5:18 to play. Griffin sank two free throws and converted an offensive rebound into a layup while getting fouled, but missed the ensuing free throw to leave the score tied at 93.

The Clippers regained possession on a shot clock violation, and Ryan Gomes got an offensive rebound and putback after a missed layup by Gordon to give Los Angeles a 95-93 edge with 37.7 seconds to go.

Marco Belinelli missed a 3-point attempt at the other end with 28 seconds left, and teammate Trevor Ariza committed a foul away from the ball on an inbounds play before missing two free throws with 21.8 seconds remaining.

Pacers 93, Heat 77

In Miami, all the Miami Heat banners, reminders of everything from division titles to the 2006 NBA championship, were missing from the rafters Monday night.

Fitting, because the Heat look nothing like champions these days.

Danny Granger had 20 points and 11 rebounds, Brandon Rush added 20 points and the Indiana Pacers added to Miami's week of woe, beating the Heat 93-77 in the worst shooting game of Dwyane Wade's career.

"We came into their building knowing how good they're supposed to be," Rush said. "And they just had a bad night."

Back after a one-game absence with a sprained left wrist, Wade finished with three points on 1-for-13 shooting. He had never shot so poorly when tak-



Los Angeles Clippers shooting guard Eric Gordon, center, is defended by New Orleans Hornets power forward David West, left, and shooting guard Marco Belinelli during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Los Angeles, Monday, Nov. 22, 2010.

ing at least 13 tries, and the point total was the third-lowest of his career. He has been held scoreless twice, once against Washington in 2004, the other in 2006 when he left midway through the first quarter of a game against Chicago.

Spurs 106, Magic 97

In San Antonio, running down how the San Antonio Spurs won their 11th game in a row, Manu Ginobili threw in a mention of Richard Jefferson's 3-pointer in the fourth.

"Thank you, Manu," Jefferson piped up from the next locker over.

The timing was perfect. Just the way everything is going for the NBA's hottest team.

Tony Parker had 24 points and 10 assists, and the Spurs continued their best start in franchise history with a 106-97 victory over the Orlando Magic on Monday night, improving their NBA-best record to 12-1 while surviving their stiffest test yet.

Celtics 99, Hawks 76

In Atlanta, the Boston Celtics looked like the fresh team, not the one playing back-to-back games on the road.

The Atlanta Hawks? No one's

quite sure what's going on with this listless bunch.

Nate Robinson had 16 points and 10 assists filling in for Rajon Rondo and the Celtics blew out Atlanta right from the start, racing to a 26-point lead in the first quarter on the way to a 99-76 rout Monday night.

This one was over before many fans had even settled into their seats. Paul Pierce hit a jumper, Kevin Garnett made another and the Celtics were off and running.

Nuggets 106, Warriors 89

In Oakland, Carmelo Anthony scored

a season-high 39 points, Al Harrington added 19 against his former team and the Denver Nuggets beat the Golden State Warriors 106-89 on Monday night to snap a four-game road losing streak.

Anthony struggled with his shooting early but was a career-best 17-for-17 at the free throw line. He also had nine rebounds and five assists to help the Nuggets to their seven straight win over the Warriors.

Thunder 117, Timberwolves 107

In Oklahoma City, Jeff Green was tired. Even superstar Kevin Durant admitted the same.

The two were coming off injured ankles and didn't know how exactly they would react Monday night against Minnesota in their first game back.

Green caught his second wind, and made the game-winning 3-pointer with less than a minute to play as the Thunder won their fifth game in a row with a 117-107 victory over the Timberwolves.

Green had sat out the past four games with a left ankle sprain, but he returned with an impressive night, making the go-ahead 3-pointer with 54.7 seconds left. Green scored a season-high 24 points.

Suns 123, Rockets 116

In Houston, Steve Nash returned Monday night and the Phoenix Suns were clicking again.

Nash had 24 points and nine assists to help the Suns snap a three-game losing streak with a 123-116 win over the Houston Rockets. The star point guard showed no lingering effects from the groin injury that sidelined him for the Suns' previous two games.

"I had it in my mind that I wanted to play, so I was working every day to try to get ready," Nash said. "I felt like I made strides. I went through the day, trying to play, I got here, went through my routine and I was ready."

Jason Richardson scored 26 points and Grant Hill added 17 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Suns, who've won 10 of the last 13 meetings with the Rockets.

Jazz 94, Kings 83

In Salt Lake City, C.J. Miles made sure the Utah Jazz didn't need any heart-stopping comebacks this time.

The reserve forward continued his hot streak with 20 points and Al Jefferson added 19 to help the Utah Jazz top the slumping Sacramento Kings 94-83 Monday night.

After hitting five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter in a come-from-behind win over Portland Saturday, Miles keyed two runs that gave the Jazz (10-5) their third victory in the last four starts.

"I knew they were going to be coming at me and I wasn't going to get off 10 3-point attempts tonight," Miles said. "So I tried to be active defensively and get out in transition. I figured that'd be the easiest way for me to score. It was nice to do it at home."

No team has won more road games (six) in the NBA than Utah, but the Jazz have struggled at home this season, a place they have rarely lost in recent years. Miles and the reserves grabbed the lead in the second quarter and never trailed again to move to 4-3 at home.

Hunter 99 percent sure a lockout looms

NEW YORK (AP)—NBA players' association executive director Billy Hunter said Monday he is "99 percent sure" there will be a lockout next summer.

"I think it's highly probable that there will be a lockout and that's what I'm preparing for because I don't see anything else right now," Hunter said.

With negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement to replace the one that expires next summer going nowhere, Hunter said he's been instructing his players to save their money.

There was no breakthrough in the latest meeting with league representatives last week, and the sides hope to meet again next month. But Hunter said the owners aren't budging on their demands for cuts in salaries, contract lengths and guarantees, annual raises, and the rookie salary scale.

"What's left?" Hunter said in a conference room at the union's headquarters after helping distribute turkeys to 2,000 families outside.

The sides have been negotiating for more than a year, but Hunter agreed with Commissioner David Stern that there's been no progress. And the players are no closer to agreeing to the cuts that the league is seeking.

"I don't really see that the argu-

ment's all that compelling for the changes that they're asking for," Hunter said.

The league is calling for a reduction in player salary costs of \$700 to \$800 million and is seeking a hard salary cap to replace the system which now allows for certain exceptions.

The players counter that the current system has worked, pointing to record revenues and ticket sales, and strong TV ratings. They say the total of negotiated salaries has dropped for three straight seasons and forecast a 3 to 5 percent increase in revenues in 2010-11.

"It seems like things are doing all right and so our position is that we want to do what's best for the game," said Knicks guard Roger Mason Jr., a member of the players' executive committee. "Any way that we can make the game better as players, speaking for a lot of the guys, we're all for it. But we don't want to have a deal that's just not fair and that's what we think is being presented to us right now."

Hunter said the league has given no feedback on the proposal the union submitted in July. He offered no specifics of it, other than to say the players could be open to negotiating their guarantee of 57 percent of the revenues—which Stern has said is a cen-

tral issue in the next CBA.

Hunter added that the players believe their proposal resonated with some owners, but blames others—he called them a hawkish group—for pushing Stern toward a deal Hunter says he won't get, one that would guarantee each owner a minimum annual profit of \$10 million.

And Hunter, who has been mostly silent while Stern and deputy commissioner Adam Silver revealed items from their wish list last month, decided it's time to speak out to them.

"I think the message has to be driven home to I guess that hawkish group of owners that if they're inclined, if they want to lock us out - because we're not going to strike—if they want to lock us out and they want to pull the roof down on themselves, then hey, have at it," Hunter said.

Both Hunter and Stern have said progress must be made by February's All-Star break to reduce fears of the first work stoppage since 1998. Hunter isn't sure it'll come by then, saying he's "waiting for some sign, some movement from the owners that they want to reach a reasonable deal."

"Right now they're being unreasonable and I can't tell you when reason's going to set in," he said.

Rivers throws 4 TD passes in Chargers win



SAN DIEGO (AP)—Philip Rivers tied his career high with four touchdown passes and the San Diego Chargers beat the Denver Broncos 35-14 on Monday night for their third straight victory.

While Rivers did it on a season-low 233 yards, San Diego's defense, led by linebacker Shaun Phillips, settled in and harassed Denver's Kyle Orton after he led an easy opening scoring drive.

Patrick Crayton scored on a 40-yard catch-and-run late in the second quarter, hurting his left wrist as he fell into the end zone, and speedy little Darren Sproles had a 57-yard catch-and-run early in the third.

The four-time defending AFC West champion Chargers (5-5) even pulled off a fake punt, a remarkable accomplishment considering the special teams gaffes that contributed to a 2-5 start.

Malcom Floyd caught an early 6-yard TD pass from Rivers, who passed for 220 yards while reclaiming the overall NFL lead in yards passing from Peyton Manning. Chargers fullback Mike Tolbert also rushed for a 1-yard touchdown in the second quarter after making a 28-yard catch on a trick pass by punter Mike Scifres in the first.

After Crayton turned a screen pass into a 40-yard score with 2:05 left in the second quarter, Sproles romped through the Denver secondary for a 57-yard score less than 2 1/2 minutes into the third, putting the 4-5 Chargers on course for their third straight victory and a return to .500 in yet another late-season surge under coach Norv Turner.

Rivers had the early advantage in his much-anticipated duel with Denver's Kyle Orton, who went 16 for 27 for 150 yards in the first three quarters of the meeting between the NFL's most prolific passers entering this weekend's games.

Knowshon Moreno rushed for a 4-yard score on the Broncos' opening drive in a meeting between sub-.500 AFC West rivals who still have a chance to take control of a lackluster division race.

Crayton sprinted through the Denver defense on an exceptional broken-field run after his short catch, tumbling into the end zone with his first TD of the season. Crayton, who had three catches for 105 yards, went to the locker room after the score to get his left wrist examined.

Denver also lost two key players to injury in the third quarter: receiver Demaryius Thomas hurt his left ankle, and linebacker D.J. Williams—the Broncos' leading tackler—was sidelined by a concussion.

The Chargers, who lead the NFL both in total offense and total defense despite their 4-5 record, played their second straight game without star tight end Antonio Gates, who has a torn plantar fascia in his right foot. Rookie running back Ryan Mathews also sat out with a high ankle sprain.

Despite significant early season setbacks, both teams are eager to get on top of the pedestrian AFC West, where Kansas City (6-4) is the only team above .500. San Diego is rounding into form after a slow start, while the Broncos capped their 2-6 start with their fourth straight loss to the lowly 49ers in London before returning from a bye week to rout the Chiefs last week.

The four-time defending division champion Chargers have made a habit of slow starts and big finishes during



San Diego Chargers quarterback Philip Rivers prior to the Chargers' NFL football game against the Denver Broncos Monday, Nov. 22, 2010, in San Diego.

Turner's first three seasons, winning 11 straight in 2009, four straight in 2008 and six in a row in 2007.

The Broncos opened with a ruth-

lessly efficient scoring drive before most San Diego fans had settled in from the pregame fireworks show and four-helicopter flyover. Orton

completed three straight passes, including a 21-yard throw and an 18-yard flea-flicker to Brandon Lloyd on consecutive plays, before Moreno

rushed three straight times for the final 22 yards, barreling in from 4 yards out just 2:55 into the game.

Lloyd's first two catches put him over 1,000 yards receiving for the first time in an eight-season NFL career. The sometimes temperamental receiver bounced among four teams before finding a groove with the Broncos.

San Diego kept its second drive alive with a fake punt. Scifres, who has had five punts blocked this season, completed this stellar bit of trickery by stepping up in the pocket to hit Tolbert in stride on a post route.

Rivers then found Floyd in a hole in the Broncos' goal-line defense for the receiver's fourth TD catch of the season. Floyd missed the previous three games with a hamstring injury.

Rookie Tim Tebow took one snap at quarterback on Denver's third drive, handing off to Moreno.

Shaun Phillips sacked Orton twice in the second quarter, including a shoe-string tackle that prevented Orton from throwing a long third-down pass on a trick play. But star Denver cornerback Champ Bailey thwarted the Chargers' ensuing drive with an interception, reaching over Floyd's shoulder to take away a long throw.

Vikings fire Childress at 3-7, promote Frazier

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP)—Hastily hired five seasons ago to bring order to a disheveled franchise, Brad Childress vowed to lead the Minnesota Vikings the only way he knew how - in case this was his only crack at being a head coach.

After an eventful and often tumultuous run marred recently by player unrest, livid fans and a boss angry about abrupt personnel decisions and a 3-7 start this year, Childress is out.

His conservative approach to offensive strategy and rigid communication style are gone, too, leaving behind a talented team that's out of the playoff race and a leadership vacuum in an organization trying hard to rebuild public good will toward a new stadium.

Childress was fired Monday, one season after he famously picked up Brett Favre at the airport, got a contract extension and came within a field goal of reaching the Super Bowl. Owner Zygi Wilf read from a script and wouldn't get into specifics about his decision a day after the Vikings were blown out at home by rival Green Bay.

"It's often difficult to articulate one reason why change is needed," Wilf said.

Wilf mentioned his "deep respect" for Childress, his hand-picked replacement for Mike Tice in 2006.

"He was an integral part of helping this franchise turn the corner and re-establishing ourselves as a force in the NFL," Wilf said, "as well as bringing in players who did an excellent job representing themselves and our organization in this community."

Defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier, who has interviewed seven times for NFL head coaching jobs, will serve as interim head coach for the remainder of the season. He wasted no time in answering a big question: The 41-year-old Favre is still the starting quarter-

back despite his 17 interceptions and looming retirement, whenever that may come.

"There's no hesitation from me in that regard," Frazier said, later adding: "I'm of the belief that Brett Favre is going to get it going and the turnovers are going to come down and we're going to get going as a football team."

Frazier wore a suit and a solemn look at the podium during a news conference, looking like he was already auditioning for the permanent job. He said he expected the full effort of his players for the rest of the season, despite the shattered title hope.

"The challenge our players have is to understand that other people around the league are taking a look at that tape, and you owe it to your teammates and your family to go out there and play hard every single snap," Frazier said.

Childress is the second NFL coach to be fired this season after Wade Phillips was let go by Dallas.

"I am proud of our accomplishments and believe the foundation of this football team is stronger today than when I became head coach," he said in a statement released by the team.

Childress went 40-37 with the Vikings, including 1-2 in the playoffs. He was all in with Favre, riding his incredible 2009 season to the NFC championship game and then going down this year under the weight of his struggles to regain that rhythm. But the team's problems transcend Favre.

Asked if he'd give Favre more freedom to run the offense as he saw fit, Frazier laughed.

"If you ask Brett that question I'm sure he would say, 'Give me all the latitude in the world.' But we do have a system in place," Frazier said. "There may be some tweaks to the system. We're going to talk about that."

Players had left the building by the time Wilf and Frazier finished with their news conference, but the team

distributed statements from several players.

"Brad Childress is a good guy, a man with strong faith and a great family. I wish him the best in the future," Favre said. "I think we all, starting with me, could have done more to make this a successful season."

Later, wide receiver Greg Lewis used Twitter to call the NFL a "what have you done for me lately league."

"And lately we have stunk. Coach Childress took the fall," Lewis tweeted.

Childress took over in Minnesota after spending seven years with Philadelphia, including four as the offensive coordinator. He was chosen by Wilf to instill discipline and demand better off-the-field behavior from a team that was embarrassed the year before by a bye-week boat party gone bad and a number of other legal problems for players.

However, Childress stumbled in his first year and never fully gained the faith of the fans - or some of his players. The Vikings went from 6-10 to 8-8 to 10-6 to 12-4 in his first four seasons, but this year's mess grew too big to salvage. According to an ESPN.com report last week, Childress's contract—extended in November 2009—had \$6.6 million remaining on it for 2011 and 2012.

This season almost seemed destined for doom, given how smoothly it all went in 2009 until the very end and how well Favre played last year by taking care of the ball and making age-defying throws into the end zone. With Favre failing to commit until August and injuries throwing the wide receivers out of whack, the offense has never been truly in sync.

The relationship between Favre and Childress, tense at times in 2009, seemed to sour further when Favre threw three ill-fated interceptions in the Oct. 24 game against the Packers,

lost to his old team and was sharply criticized afterward by his coach.

Then the situation really worsened following a loss at New England when wide receiver Randy Moss, acquired in a trade for a third-round draft pick just four weeks earlier, went out of his way to praise the Patriots and criticize Childress in a post-game rant.

Childress got rid of him the next day, leaving Wilf reportedly angry that wasn't in the loop right away. There were anonymous reports of growing dissatisfaction in the locker room, and Childress and Harvin got into a heated argument one day over an MRI test Harvin didn't want on his sprained ankle.

Fans made no secret about their frustration, either, with thousands of "Fire Chilly" signs distributed on Nov. 7 outside the stadium before the Vikings played Arizona and several chants breaking out from the seats during the Packers game on Sunday.

"The challenge I have before me is to make sure that we're going in the right direction and at the end of the year we're not a 3-13 team," Frazier said, adding: "I don't think there's anybody on our team that can stand back and say, 'You know what? I've done my part. I'm not the reason we're 3-7.' And if we have a guy like that, that guy has been a selfish individual."

Wilf said he's not currently considering any structural changes to the front office, which has operated without a true general manager for years.

The lack of clarity about who makes the calls about the roster has been an issue many times since Wilf bought the team, most recently when Childress dumped Moss.

"There wasn't one component that factored into this decision, just that we felt we made the best decision for the organization moving forward," Wilf said. "We have high expectations for this team and wanted to capitalize on what is left for this season."

2010 NMIFA U11 Football Fall Festival

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A Paire Football Club striker kicks the ball against an MP United defender during their game in the 2010 NMIFA U11 Football Fall Festival last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



MP United's Michael Jones, center, is chased by two Paire defenders.



A Paire striker kicks the ball while his teammates look on.



A Tan Holdings female striker dribbles the ball pass midcourt.



A Tan Holdings striker gets a penalty kick.



Matansa and Paire players battle for the ball.



A Shirley's defender kicks the ball out, while their goalie stays put.



NMIFA president Jerry Tan, center, officiates the game between Tan Holdings and Shirley's.



MP United and Paire players and coaches exchange fives after their game.



Matansa and Tan Holdings players in a foot race as they chase the ball.

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Two CNMI swimmers off to Dubai



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Saipan Swim Club's Grace Kimball is one of the two CNMI representatives in next month's 10th FINA World Swimming Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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Saipan Swim Club's Grace Kimball and Keanna Villagomez will be representing the CNMI in the 10th FINA World Swimming Championships in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Kimball and Villagomez are tentatively set to leave Saipan for Dubai on Dec. 13 to compete in the short course tournament that will run from Dec. 15 to 19 at the Dubai Sports Complex in Dubai.

The world championship event will be the biggest tournament so far for the two SSC swimmers. Accompanying the two female swimmers is SSC head coach Mike Villagomez.

According to Lisa Kimball,

one of SSC's coaches, the older Villagomez is still finalizing the events of the two swimmers, but both Grace and Keanna are allowed to compete in more than one race.

"Since this will be their biggest tournament so far, it will be an eye-opener for them. It will give them a better chance to improve their times and observe and even race against some of the fastest and world-class swimmers of FINA mem-

ber-nations," Lisa Kimball said.

Northern Marianas Swimming Federation president Bobby Winkfield said the two female swimmers were selected to represent the CNMI in the Dubai tournament after a meeting among NMSF board members.

"We're happy that this time we will have female swimmers getting an opportunity to compete in a world-class event," Winkfield said in a previous interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

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Tan Holdings Classic draws over 100 players in Week 1

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The 2nd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic will kick off today with more than 100 players joining the first week of competition.

This week's tournament will have games in the boys U12 doubles and singles, boys U19 doubles and singles, boys U18 doubles and singles, girls U15 doubles and singles, girls U10 singles, girls U12 doubles and singles, mixed 3.0 adults doubles, mixed 4.0 adults doubles, and mixed open adults doubles.

A couple of games in the various age group divisions will be played tonight and matches will



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Ji Kent Quah of Malaysia chases the ball during a scrimmage against cousin Vivian Lee yesterday at the American Memorial Park. Quah and Lee are preparing for the 2nd Annual Tan Holdings Tennis Classic, which will kick off its Week 1 competition today.

continue until Sunday. More than 10 Guam players are entered in the first week of the tournament, but they will not play until this weekend.

The American Memorial Park tennis court will be the tournament's main headquarters, while other matches will also take place at the Hyatt Regency Saipan and Fiesta Resort & Spa tennis courts.

In the boys' U12 singles, there will be 14 players in the 16-man draw. The list include Carl Dela Cruz, Satoshi Onesu, Mason Caldwell (Guam), Moris Villanueva, Daniel Han, Pedro John, Colin Ramsey, Aaron Lee, Brian Tuncap (Guam), Woon Sun Cho, Quintin Ramsey, Derek Okuhama, Daniel Lim, Aaron Zhu, and Dylan Ackerman.

The boys' U12 doubles will

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Ferrera vs Docomo for QQ Cup

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Ferrera Builders blasted IT&E, 106-78, in Monday night's playoff game at the Garapan Basketball Court to advance to the finals of the 2010 QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup.

Ferrera Builders will be pitted against top-ranked Docomo Pacific in the finals and Game 1 of their best-of-three title series will be played tonight at 7pm.

Ferrera came out swing-

ing at the start of this win or go home contest to build a 12-point lead, 29-17, after the first 10 minutes of play. Team captain Wowie Abuel led the charge with 12 markers in the opening period.

Then James Abuy tallied eight points in the second quarter to keep Ferrera's offense going. The Builders' defense was also exceptional,

limiting IT&E duo, Ivan Devero and Errol Peredo, to just eight points apiece in the entire first half. At the break, Ferrera

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Ferrera Builders' Wowie Abuel, right, scored 35 points in their playoff game against IT&E to arrange a finals duel against Docomo Pacific in the QQ Cup caging.

17 bouts at Trench Tech Fan Night

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Trench Tech Purebred Promotions will be holding 17 fights for its 2010 Fan Appreciation Night at their gym in San Antonio on December 18.

"We want something to give back to the awesome mixed martial arts fans, for all their support throughout the years for our Trench Warz, Rites Of Passage, and Art Of War Grappling events," Trench Tech president Cuki Alvarez said.

Admission costs only \$5 with all drinks running on special for the event. In addition, live music from a local band will

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Trench Tech's Chris Laayug, seen here in a fighting stance, will be facing Marianas Elite's Derrick "El Piligro" Rangamar in next month's 2010 Fan Appreciation Night.